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Yanks Have Nazis On The Run; Reds Trap 200,000 On Baltic

WASHINGTON.—The victorious sweep of the Yank armies into Germany continues with increasing momentum.

Cologne fell to the 1st Army on Wednesday, with three sections attacking from the west and south. First Army troops crossed the Rhine near Bonn on Thursday. Other troops are attacking fleeing

Nazis on the Rhine's west bank.

The German industrial regions of the Ruhr and the Saar, which have been producing a large part of the Nazi munitions, are both neutralized.

Patton's 3rd Army went on the rampage again, ripping through bewildered Germans along the Pruem-Coblenz highway, and drove 32 miles in two days from near captured Bittburg to a point only 20 miles from the Rhine in the Coblenz area.

The U. S. 9th Army, with the Canadians and British, have advanced to take possession of 70 miles of the 90 on the Rhine between Cologne and the Dutch border, and 10,000 Germans in a pocket near Wesel are being annihilated.

Only at the South end of the line, on the 7th Army's front, has there been marked resistance. Here the 7th is hammering Saarbrücken, the key to the Saar basin, with heavy artillery attacks.

Allied headquarters estimates the Germans have lost 100,000 troops in the battle of the Rhine during the past week. Further severe losses are occurring daily.

On the Eastern front Russian armies made a breakthrough early in the week to reach the Baltic

coast near Kolberg, splitting East Pomerania into three segments and trapping 200,000 Germans in a double encirclement.

The center of the Russian line immediately east of Berlin has been static, but the 1st White Russian army made a 25-mile advance at the north end of the Berlin defense line, reaching the mouth of the Oder, and destroying any chance the Nazis may have had of outflanking the Berlin attack lines. Another

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Civil Service Promises GIs Will Get Jobs

WASHINGTON.—In a broadcast beamed to troops overseas, Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming of the Civil Service Commission, clarified the position of the Commission in regard to the employment of World War II veterans on their discharge from service with the armed forces.

Commissioner Flemming in his forthright statement pointed out that whereas 650,000 men and women gave up permanent Civil Service jobs to enter military service, 2,000,000 of the 2,800,000 persons now working for the Federal Government hold temporary appointments which may be terminated within six months after the war.

"Regardless of how large or small the Federal Government may be, service men and women who left Government for armed forces not only will have preference, but will be placed in suitable jobs, and department heads who discriminate against veterans will have to give an accounting of their actions," said Mr. Flemming.

Job filling on a permanent basis will start only when veterans have been demobilized and are able to compete for appointments, said the Commissioner, emphasizing special efforts will be made to place the disabled in Federal jobs.

Medics With Infantry Units Will Get Badge

WASHINGTON.—A Medical Badge, in recognition of the service rendered during combat by the members of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the infantry, has been authorized, the War Department announces.

The badge is of silver metal, elliptical in shape with the Medical Department's insignia, the caduceus, and the Geneva Cross superimposed on a litter surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. It is to be worn on

the left breast above decorations and service ribbons.

The badge will be awarded to Medical Department personnel regularly assigned or temporarily attached during combat to the medical detachments of infantry regiments, battalions or elements thereof since Dec. 7, 1941. Enlisted and officer personnel below field grade (major) are eligible for the badge. However, it may be awarded to the regimental surgeon regardless of rank.

The regimental commander is authorized to make the award for "satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions." Also he is given the power to withdraw the badge if the individual

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Priority For Vets In Building Homes Planned By Senate

WASHINGTON.—When Commissioner Abner H. Ferguson, of the Federal Housing Administration disclosed that the bulk of the 1500 applications received for building of new homes under FHA's hardship provisions had come from veterans of this war, movement was initiated within the Senate Appropriations subcommittee to give veterans full preferences in acquiring homes.

In addition to provisions of the GI Bill of Rights for loan credits and WPB priority regulations which provide that veterans be given special consideration, two Senators propose amending legislation so that veterans would have first opportunity to acquire homes in new Federal housing projects.

Senate Balks On KO In OK

WASHINGTON.—After dilly-dallying for weeks, United States Senate this week took definite action on a "work-or-else" bill, but not until after it had kicked the kayo punch out of the OK O'Mahoney-Kilgore measure.

Senators to the tune of three to one landed an uppercut at the O'Mahoney-Kilgore legislation by removing the jail-and-fine clauses for the drafting of men 18 to 45, which had been included in the House passed May-Bailey bill.

The punchless Senate bill will go to conference. There, the legislation is expected to receive some punchy injections so that draft administration by the War Manpower Commission will carry fear to the slackers, the job jumpers, the strikers and the cushy-job playboys. The conference may have been stung by the statement of Senator Tydings that war so far has been "total only for those in uniform."

Action on the manpower legislation was demanded Tuesday when

Majority Leader Barkley urged the Senate to "stop messing around on the subject" and Senator Tydings (D.Md.) declared he thought Congress was being "cowardly."

"When we read that 1,000,000 men up to now have been killed, wounded or are missing and we permit unlawful strikes to take place when this casualty list situation exists . . . I think we are cowardly," Tydings said.

"All of us, from the top of this Administration down, have this blot on our conscience, this smirch upon our escutcheon."

Senator Barkley demanded that the Senate "vote on something."

"If we are not to pass any form of legislation let us let the country know that we will not do so in order that they will not expect anything from us."

Buckling down to work, the Senate then knocked out by a vote of 44 to 35, the fine and jail penalties in the substitute of its Military Affairs Committee which would have applied only to employers who violated War Manpower Commission ceilings.

Barkley then obtained an agreement to limit debate on the third measure before the Senate, the Revercomb bill, to speed the chances for final action.

The May-Bailey bill has been almost continuously before Congress since the session opened on January 3 and was passed by the House with penalties limited to employees. It appeared certain of easy passage in the Senate until charges were made that the War Department held opposite "official" and "unofficial" views.

House Passes Law To Draft Nurses 20-45

WASHINGTON.—The House this week resolved its differences over nurse-draft legislation and finally passed a measure calling to war service unmarried graduate nurses between the ages of 20 to 45.

Vote on the measure was 347-42.

March 15 was made the deadline on exemptions for marriage. Widows and divorcees with dependent children are required only to register.

Before its final passage in mid-week the bill had been well larded with amendments, including one which prohibits any discrimination because of race, creed or color in nurse inductions. The House also accepted amendments exempting nuns and other members of religious orders from the draft and requiring that local conditions as to need of nurses be taken into consideration in levying draft quotas.

The nurse-draft bill was backed by the armed services because of a critical need immediately for 18,500 more nurses.

Gen. Hale Given Harmon Air Command In Pacific

GUAM.—Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale on Sunday assumed command of all Army Air Forces in the Pacific and became deputy commander of the 20th Air Force as successor to Lieut. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, now missing for more than a week on a flight in the Pacific.

No trace has been found of General Harmon and the nine other officers and men who disappeared with him on a trans-Pacific flight despite one of the greatest air and naval searches ever made in the Pacific.

General Hale, 52, takes over command, temporarily at least, of the formidable air power General Harmon organized in the Pacific for use against Japan. It is the second time he has been named to step into the shoes of a missing commanding officer. In June, 1942, he was named commander of the 7th

Army Air Force, succeeding Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, who was lost in the battle of Midway.

The new air commander is a native of Pittsburg, Kan., and en-

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—Signal Corps Photo

COMBAT INFANTRYMEN of the 94th Division man a captured German weapon in a knocked-out enemy pillbox overlooking Ober-Lenzen, in Germany.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Year's Pay Bonus For Veterans Proposed In Guffey Senate Bill

WASHINGTON. — Here are the provisions of the new bonus bill, introduced in the Senate Tuesday by Senator Joseph Guffey (D., Pa.):

One year's pay to every person honorably discharged from the armed forces after service subsequent to Dec. 7, 1941, excepting persons with less than one year of service, who would obtain an amount of pay comparable with the period of time served.

Bonus would be paid in the form of monthly salaries for a year after discharge at rate of base pay received by each individual on date of discharge.

Relief payments previously made to discharged veterans under unemployment provisions of GI Bill of Rights would be deducted from bonus as proposed.

Year's pay bonus would be in addition to mustering-out pay already set at \$200 for veterans who have served exclusively in the United States, and \$300 for those who have served overseas, conditioned on minimum services of three months and discharges other than dishonorable.

Bonus pay plan would not interfere with the home and business loan, education and job-preference programs already written into the GI Bill of Rights and the Selective Service Act, or with the special benefits for disabled veterans incorporated in Public Law 16 of the 78th Congress.

Cost Four Billion Yearly

In introducing the bonus bill, Senator Guffey estimated the cost would be \$4,000,000,000 a year, a sum that would be added to the cost of all other veterans' benefits included in prior legislation and which would be left undisturbed. He argued that the cost would be easily affordable in the light of estimates that the country is six

months nearer victory than originally anticipated, thereby saving a proportionate part of the \$86,000,000,000 annual war cost.

Declaring that the monthly payments would be for "services rendered" thereby removing any stig-

ma of charity, Senator Guffey said servicemen and women are naturally concerned as to what postwar holds in store for them and that the proposed monthly payments are absolutely necessary for their readjustment to civilian life.



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EFFIGY OF HITLER was made by 3d Army Engineers after they built this bridge at Bollendorf, Germany. Tightening the noose on Der Fuehrer is Pvt. Roy M. Alaman, of Battle Creek, Mich.

Eisenhower Urges Nazi Officers To Surrender

WASHINGTON. — Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower appealed to German Army officers this week "in Germany's interest" to surrender and "put an end to this useless bloodshed" while American commanders on the Western Front broadcast directions to be followed by German authorities who wish to surrender their towns.

General Eisenhower's appeal to the German officers stressed that he had no wish to cast disparagement upon their honor and said that "the greatest gallantry and the greatest will to sacrifice" can merely delay the end of the war without preventing it.

"Germany has lost the Westwall, her most powerful defense in the West," Eisenhower's statement said. "The Allies have reached the Rhine and the Ruhr. In the east, the Red Army is standing before Berlin. The industrial areas of Upper Silesia, East Prussia, Posen and parts of Saxony, Brandenburg and Pomerania are in Russian hands. The end is merely a question of time."

Responsibility Theirs

"The responsibility for the outcome of the war no longer rests with the German officer. But the responsibility for his men still re-

mains—and this responsibility will indubitably be taken into account by post-war Germany. Germany's future will be hard, but there will be a possibility for reconstruction. The Allies do not intend to destroy Germany—only the party politicians know that their number is up."

General Eisenhower's appeal pointed out that many German officers have sent parliamentaries to the Allies in a hopeless situation and surrendered their troops and said the decision to put an end to the useless bloodshed "is up to the German officer."

The Luxembourg radio broadcast the surrender instructions to German authorities specifying that all mines must be removed and all troops surrendered.

Bastogne Vets Tell Workers What's Needed

WASHINGTON. — Fifty-six officers and men, mostly veterans of the epic battle for Bastogne during the German counter-offensive last December, have returned to the United States and are talking to war workers on the urgent need for increased production.

These men, chosen from the 101st Airborne Division and from units of the 3d Army, have been divided into nine groups, each of which is visiting critical war plants in one of the nine Service Commands.

The War Department announced recently that procurement schedules for 1945 are 18.9 per cent higher than total deliveries of war material during 1944.

Red Cross Tops With Yanks On War Fronts

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—If soldiers back from overseas were asked to prepare an American Red Cross coat-of-arms, it would undoubtedly develop into a cup of steaming coffee rampant on a doughnut, flanked by a "helping hand" and a ping-pong paddle.

With the men back from the fronts, the men who needed a boost the most, the American Red Cross is "tops," according to combat veterans questioned here at AAF Redistribution Station No. 1.

"They are always there when you want them the most," said Lt. P. E. Saunders, of Washington, D. C., a P-51 pilot in Italy. "They distributed hot coffee and doughnuts at our base after each flight and,

brother, that went down good with me."

"The Red Cross obtained lumber and equipment for a club," said T/Sgt. Edward McDonald, Providence, R. I., B-25 radio operator and gunner based on Corsica, "and we liked the idea so much we helped them build it. What it meant for us was entertainment, material and that old standby, coffee and . . ."

The soldier's veneration for the Red Cross doesn't center around his stomach, however. T/Sgt. William Jones, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a B-24 engineer-gunner back from Italy, had other reasons.

"They located a school chum for me who was overseas. When a buddy of mine was injured by flak they administered blood plasma and a Red Cross nurse tended him. They communicated with the enemy to find out if several boys in our outfit were prisoners of war and wired their findings to us. They can't be beat."

And then there was S/Sgt. Land Johnson, B-24 gunner, of Derry, N. H., who stressed the free beds and reasonably priced meals at the English clubs . . . and S/Sgt. Frank Colburn, Wilmington, Del., Italy-based Liberator gunner, who said, "There was always a smile and a pleasant word. That's what I like . . . and Pfc. Aulio Lavonen, Brooklyn, N. Y., C-47 airborne engineer in the European Theater, who enjoyed the Red Cross workshops where he could spend off-duty hours.

S/Sgt. Thomas Bingham, of Buffalo, N. Y., summed it up. "No matter where you're stationed," he said, "there's the Red Cross, handing out good cheer, showing motion pictures, and gathering up hostesses to throw a dance. Tops is the word for them."

'When's V-Day'? Is Joe's Main Query, Says Palm Reader

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT.—When a Panama Coast Artilleryman consults a fortune teller he wants to know, in the order listed, how soon the war will end, if his wife or sweetheart is faithful, when he will return to the United States, and what his chances are for surviving combat unscathed.

Mrs. Theodora Moses Hallin is a palm reader who has been catering strictly to the soldier trade for the past 18 months, and she revealed in an interview today that those are the questions most frequently fired at her by hundreds of men from jungle battle sections of the Coast Artillery Command here.

To ask-ask men who ask when V-Day will fall, her stock reply is, "That's a military secret." Nevertheless, when pressed, Mrs. Hallin admitted that signs of the soldier palm indicated a possible cessation of hostilities by the end of the year.

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First Rehabilitated GIs Graduate

FORT SLOCUM, N. Y. — On Wednesday the first contingent of rehabilitation soldiers stationed at Fort Slocum, as members of the Honor Battalion were graduated with full military honors. The group, consisting of 150 men, have proved themselves to be good soldiers, capable of reassignment to combat units.

The men, when they first arrived at Slocum, when the latter was designated as a rehabilitation center for the 2nd Service Command, were carefully screened and guidance was a keynote in carrying out the success of this program.

Conforming with the principles set forth by Col. Rennard Lentz, Commandant of the Rehabilitation

Center, that "effective rehabilitation is only possible through corrective psychology and education," Fort Slocum is, with its many occupational therapy schools, fast becoming a leading educational institution with its mission the rehabilitation of American Army prisoners. The schools that have opened are: Administrative, Communications, Radio Operators, Signal-Wire, Cooks and Bakers; and shortly others are to be instituted, including an automotive school.

The military virtues are constantly indoctrinated in the trainees; and this coupled with a curriculum of study and extensive military training is the proven

formula for the successful consummation of Slocum's present mission. Austin MacCormick, civilian adviser to the Under-Secretary of War, was the guest speaker at the exercises and awarded certificates of proficiency to the graduating trainees. Colonel Lentz, Post Commander, and Commandant of the Rehabilitation Center, delivered the introductory remarks.

Stilwell Quip!

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—"Somebody must have seen us coming in," was the remark made by Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, more commonly known as "Vinegar Joe," when two mortar shells fell near him as the four-star general, new chief of the Army Ground Forces, visited Camp Blanding recently to inspect doughboys training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center.

Staff Designated To Teach Wacs In Hospital Training

WASHINGTON.—The War Department announces that a staff and faculty, including 20 medical officers and 19 nurses, will be assigned to the Third WAC Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to set up technical training for members of the Women's Army Corps, enlisted under the new WAC hospital program.

The teaching staff will be drawn from Army Medical Department Enlisted Technician Schools elsewhere in the country. Key personnel and much of the teaching equipment will come from the Technician School at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

Head of the teaching staff will be Lt. Col. James M. Dunn, M. C., who was in civilian life an instructor of nurses and a specialist in oto-laryngology.

Churchill Takes Pot Shot At Hitler; Sees Early Win

AT THE RHINE, Germany — Prime Minister Winston Churchill, touring the western front in Germany, fired a 360-pound shell on which he wrote "To Hitler—personal" across the Rhine this week and then predicted that "one strong heave will win the war."

Churchill was prevented from visiting the actual banks of the Rhine at Dusseldorf only by the insistence of Lieut. Gen. William Simpson, 9th Army commander, that it was too dangerous.

"If they are shooting you can put me in a tank and I'll be all right," the Prime Minister urged without success.

Recognized By Germans
Everywhere Churchill went he was cheered by troops and by Dutch

and Belgian civilians. German civilians saw him, too—and recognized him. Most of their jaws dropped and they just stared.

"I am deeply impressed with the brave fighting of our boys, especially as I see what they fought through," the Prime Minister said. "The enemy had a tremendous advantage in the Reichwald."

"Soon the enemy will be driven across the Rhine and anyone can see one strong heave will win the war."

Churchill answered questions as to whether he thought the Rhine would be as effective a barrier as the English channel with the statement that:

"You'll find no river ever proved an insurmountable barrier."

American troops were as enthusiastic as the British in greeting Britain's No. 1 statesman.

"If you stand around here long enough, you see everybody," T/5 Russell Lee of Grantsville, Ga., said when Churchill arrived at Juelich.

Yank Claims Speed Record; Beats Fire Of Nazi Half-Track

WITH THE 12TH ARMY, in Germany.—Until a faster one comes along, men of Co. K, 334th Infantry, claim Pfc. Peter Melendez as the division champ.

When the company was attacking in the woods near the Belgian town of Verdenne, Melendez pushed some branches out of his way and found a mud-covered half track.

Not knowing whether it was German or American, he scraped the mud from one side and uncovered a big swastika.

"Jerry," he yelled to his advancing company as he dove beneath the vehicle.

The company poured a murderous fire into the half track while Melendez lay huddled between the wheels. Opening fire with machine guns, the Germans started the engine to pull out.

Melendez had a choice of being crushed or making a run through the cross fire.

He made it!

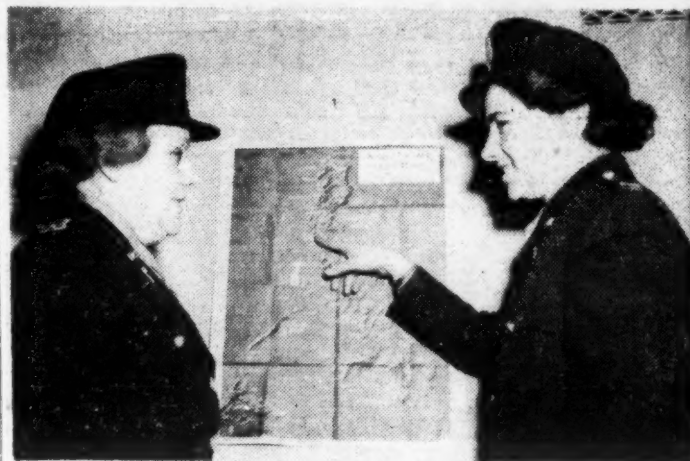
Military Legal Officers Of American Republics To Meet

WASHINGTON.—Leading military legal officers of several American republics will participate in a five-weeks' conference on military law, starting March 15, at Chicago, the War Department announces.

Governments which have already indicated they will be represented are Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. The conference will extend from March 15 to April 24 and was initiated by Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General of the Army, to provide an opportunity for an exchange of views and information on the subject of military law, and to enable the visiting judge advocates, about 20 in number, to acquaint themselves with the operation of the system of

military justice in effect in the United States Army.

At the conclusion of the sessions, the visiting judge advocates will be taken upon a tour of selected military installations, disciplinary barracks, war production plants, Army schools and other facilities related to the responsibilities and activities of the Army's legal department during wartime.



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"HERE'S WHERE WE WERE," says Capt. Beth A. Veley (right), now Chief Nurse of the 103rd Evacuation Hospital, to Col. Florence A. Blanchfield, Superintendent of ANC, during the Colonel's inspection of 7th Army Hospitals at the front in France. Captain Veley served on Bataan as a Corregidor and is one of the nine nurses who escaped by submarine when Corregidor fell.

All Cadets Now Put Thru Special Infantry Courses

FORT BENNING, Ga.—To give future United States Military Academy cadets a thorough background in the infantry, a special three-months course is being established at the Infantry School for the class which will enter West Point on July 1, it is announced.

The cadets—approximately 620 in number—are now attending U. S. Military Academy preparatory courses at Amherst and Lafayette colleges and Cornell university. The first class of slightly more than 200 is scheduled to start on Saturday, March 17, and two more classes will be started shortly afterward. Graduating date of the first class is June 9.

In the past, the Infantry School has enrolled West Point graduates for special infantry courses following their graduation, but under that plan only those officers who had drawn the infantry as their Regular Army assignment received the training. Under the new plan, every future graduate of the class will have gone through three

months of study of infantry weapons, tactics and other military subjects. The course will be four weeks shorter than that given officer candidates, but, in general, it will cover the same subjects which are given the candidates.

The course will not contain a "weeding out" process, as no man may be separated from the program without prior approval of the Commanding General, Army Service Forces.

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General Eisenhower's Appeal

In a surrender appeal addressed to German officers General Eisenhower gave a clear, concise picture of the European war as it stands today.

"Germany has lost the West wall, her most powerful defense in the west," the message stated. "The Allies have reached the Rhine and the Ruhr. In the east the Red army is standing before Berlin. The industrial areas of Upper Silesia, East Prussia, Posen and parts of Saxony, Brandenburg and Pomerania are in Russian hands. The end is merely a question of time..."

Assuring the German officers that the responsibility for the war rests with the politicians General Eisenhower called on them to surrender, to surrender as many of their brother officers already have done.

"We cannot expect the German officer to do anything that would be contrary to his honor or to his country's interest. It is in Germany's interest to put an end to this useless bloodshed. The decision is up to the German officer."

Even Goebbels would find General Ike's arguments hard to break down.

No Left Turn In Army

The Army has given recognition to the fact that the term "Communist" has become a loose stereotype with loose implications.

No longer will soldiers be classed as "Communists" for one reason or another. The only test will be loyalty to the United States and the rejection of any doctrine which advocates overthrow of the Government by force.

There is no "Red" or left influence among the professional military and naval officers. By tradition and training they are conservative to a degree in their political and social outlook.

With this background it is apparent that the officers realize that the word "Communist" is being tossed around without thought or proof and that deserving men in their organizations could be knocked about if slightly pink herring were dragged across their trail.

Veterans And Surplus Property

Under the surplus property act special recommendations were made to assist veterans in obtaining surplus property. The act was passed over three months ago. Yet it was only recently that any concrete action has been taken by those in charge of the veterans' part of the act.

These officials have asked the various veterans' organizations to make recommendations for administration of the act. Their interest in setting up the possible system is laudable—but it would seem that on a matter of such great importance to the veteran the special regulations would be further along than just the planning stage.

Best Red Cross Sales Talk

No better argument has been advanced for contributing to the American Red Cross than the many voluntary donations made by the men returning from overseas. These men know why the Red Cross needs \$200,000,000 to continue its work. They are doing their best to see that the goal is reached.

MP Outfit Proud Of Combat Record

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.— haven't policed a town in 18 months. Through their 27 months overseas, they have been responsible for traffic control and security for their entire corps, which averages about 100 square miles in area, and in addition have worked as many as five division areas at the same time. Nearly all of this duty has been above the "light line," marking the beginning of the total blackout of the last forward area. Thirty men have been injured on their posts as a result of traffic accidents under these conditions.

Since wading in at H-Hour at Arzew in the North African invasion, its members have served throughout the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. They have won 21 Silver Stars, and 18 Bronze Stars and other decorations. Five of their men have been killed, and 19 wear the Purple Heart.

Strictly "combat MPs," they

Under Two Flags



At Your Service

Q. An enlisted man in a medical collecting outfit has written to me that he was "changed to a basic in a station platoon." Can you tell me what he means?

A. A station platoon is part of a collecting company. A basic in a station platoon helps establish and operate a collection—sets up tents, cleans-up, etc. A collecting station is in the second echelon in the chain of evacuation of wounded from the front.

Q. Do Army Nurses ever dress in Navy blue uniforms?

A. For the past several months the olive drab uniform has been the official authorized one for street wear by Army nurses. At present, therefore, nurses would not ordinarily wear the formerly official blue uniform. However, ARs say that any officer may wear a uniform that has once been official until it wears out.

Q. Is it true that servicemen working in or in charge of Post Exchanges overseas can be held responsible for shortages when inventory is taken? That is, can men attached to the PX be made to pay for deficits out of their Army pay?

A. Army Exchange Service has no set policy in this respect and there are no ARs on the subject. The matter is entirely within the jurisdiction of each theater commander. It is possible that the policy may vary in different theaters.

Q. I have heard that the Presidential Citation Unit medal was awarded to the 464th Bomb Group, 776th Bomb Sqdn., APO 520, and would like to know if this is official and if so, would all men who were with this group last July be entitled to the medal?

A. The 464th Bomb Group received the unit citation on July 7, 1944 (WD GO 93-280EC44). Anyone serving with the group on or after July 7, 1944 is entitled to wear the "Distinguished Unit Badge" (Blue ribbon with gold frame).

Q. My husband received an honorable discharge by reason of disability incurred in service. He will be unable to work for some time. What is the amount of the compensation he may receive?

A. We cannot tell you the specific amount of compensation, since this will be determined by the degree or percentage of his disability, as rated by the Veterans' Administration.

Q. Does the Signal Corps train the Control Tower Operators for the Army Air Force? What emblem is

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worn by Control Tower Operators attached to the Air Corps? Where is their training school?

A. The Air Corps trained their own CTOs. There is presently no training school for AAF CTOs, as all the requirements have been met. The schools were located formerly at Chanute Field, Ill., Scott Field, Ill., and Madison, Wis. CTOs, being in communication, wear the regular radio emblem, the control tower with lightning bolts.

Q. What does Par. 23A, Sec. VI, AP 625-5, & 3rd IND HQ MPRTC stand for on an Honorable Discharge?

A. AR 625-5 covers War Department policies regarding officer candidates. Sec. VI relates to "special regulations regarding applicants for Women's Army Corps Officer Candidate School." Par. 23A relates to discharge of officer candidates from prior service before appointment as Second Lieutenants. Third Ind. HQ MPRTC could stand for 3rd Indorsement Headquarters Military Police Replacement Training Center. However, for a categorical reply it would be necessary to know the location or organization of the discharged EM.

Q. What is the status of a member of the Auxiliary Military Police, A.U.S.? Are they members of the armed forces or merely civilian volunteers?

A. The Auxiliary Military Police are civilians acting as guards in war plants, installations, etc. While not in the Army, they are subject to the Articles of War.

Q. To what office should application be made for a Dependent's Identification Certificate for outpatient medical and dental service? My husband is a private, first class.

A. As a rule all that is necessary is that the soldier's dependent submit proof of dependency, such as an allotment check, to the outclinic of the Army Hospital or Medical installation where application is made for treatment.

Letters

Gentlemen:

Thanks for your splendid editorial in the Army Times—Medics Medal is Needed. It sure makes us feel good to know that someone realizes the importance, necessity and bravery of the Medical Aid Men's job with a combat Infantry unit.

We realize that we are not classed as combat troops, but as you stated in your editorial we work hand in hand with the Infantry, live with them on the front lines and do our duty in the open and under fire.

For example—when we were digging in our positions on the Rhine River an Infantryman was shot by a sniper. Immediately his buddies called for a medic, jumped into their foxholes and returned fire at the sniper.

It is not a very pleasant feeling when you have to advance in the open and give medical aid to the wounded man under sniper fire and observation—a sniper, who has no regards or respect for International agreements. But it is done every day by Medical Aid men and litter bearers, without regard for their personal safety.

Many of our men are wounded and killed performing heroic deeds. We are the 1st Echelon Medics—proud of our job with or without medals.

But surely we feel that we should be given a medal by the War Department to mirror the same pride in our accomplishments as the Infantrymen and other combat units.

We hope that someone with the authority will look into this subject and do something about it.

Pfc. MIKE AYISH
and 20 others.

Somewhere in Germany.

(The War Department announced this week the authorization of a medics medal. See page one. Ed.)

Gentlemen:

After three years in this man's war I certainly feel it is time to retire us old birds before we just fold up completely. We have stood the gaff and now we are daily visitors to the dispensary, taking up the time of medics when they could be helping someone else.

Yes, sir, at 40 years my physical strength and mental capacity is severely weakened—rigors of age they call it. Yet we could be very useful in some home front job—if we aren't too old for civilian work. Come to think of it, just where are the old fellows going to take up after we are discharged, if ever?

This Army routine is one for younger men. Why don't the officers realize that we are becoming older and will eventually become hospital cases?

Pvt. JOHN A. CLARK,
Camp Kilmer, N. J.

Gentlemen:

In the February 3 issue of Army Times you carried an article headed "New promotion policy for privates and 2d lieutenants." Will you please quote exact authority for this story?

This appears to be a step in favor of increased morale and a move towards the Navy's policy of automatic advancement for those not disqualified.

A Long-Time 2nd Lieutenant.
(Authority for 2nd lieutenants found in CI of AR 605-12, 9 December, 1944. Authority for enlisted men is found in C5, AR 615-9 9 December, 1944. Ed.)

Army Has Two Paris Hotels As Honeymoon Havens For GIs-Wacs

PARIS. — With weddings of doughboys and Wacs now averaging 34 each week, the Army has taken over two Paris hotels for exclusive use of these honeymooning couples, Army personnel being forbidden to patronize civilian hotels.

And without charge, Paris dressmakers are lending the Wac brides their best wedding gowns.



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Mauldin To Publish Book On Life Of GI Dogfaces

NEW YORK. — Sgt. Bill Mauldin, the battle-toughened caricaturist whose "Up Front With Mauldin" is being syndicated in Army Times, Stars and Stripes and over 100 U. S. newspapers, has authored a book, "Up Front," which is being published by Henry Holt Company of New York this spring.

Described by the publishers as a home front book about the outline soldier with 150 pictures and 40,000 words of text, "Up Front" will be on sale on May 16. "Bill Mauldin is the greatest cartoonist of this war," the Holt company points out in announcing the forthcoming book. "Ernie Pyle has said it, Clare Luce has said it and so have Life, Time, Saturday Evening Post and millions of admirers both here and abroad.

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Nurse Says C-B-I Rough But Jolly

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — Although Lt. Sophia LeGlaire laughed it in the China-Burma-India theater in the early days of the war, she reports that "we nurses had a good time and a lot of fun," even in the far interior near the beginning of the famed Red Road.

Lieutenant LeGlaire, affectionately referred to as "Sonny" by the men she took care of, especially those of Merrill's Marauders, is now working in the Allergy and Dermatology Clinic of the Army Service Forces Regional Hospital at Camp Blanding.

"It was an enjoyable experience, working with them," says Lieutenant LeGlaire. "They were a good crowd and the GIs really appreciated the nurses' work. There was a lot of comradeship among us."

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Rickenbacker Offers 1000 Jobs To Vets Minus Limbs

ATLANTA, Ga.—One thousand jobs for veterans with amputations are available immediately in the Eastern Air Lines, Inc., Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, president and general manager, told patients of Lawson General Hospital, one of the army's designated amputee centers.

The loss of a hand, arm or leg, even two legs or arms will be no bar to a job for wounded men interested in aviation, the tall hero of two wars explained to the hospitalized men as he forecast a tremendous expansion of the air industry, and particularly his own company, which plans to treble its routes.

"There will be thousands more aviation jobs when the war is over," said Rickenbacker, who visited the hospital after several amputees inquired about their chances to obtain jobs in postwar aviation.

"We are keenly interested in helping wounded men get back in the groove of civilian life in the most human, natural way. As an employer, I want those men who desire jobs at a reasonable salary in a business they like—a business that has the greatest potentialities of any industry," he declared.

Addressing men who lost an arm or leg at St. Lo, Anzio, Guam and Saipan, the air ace of World War I stated:

"I know what you men have gone through. I've gone through it twice. I was more dead than alive on two occasions. But I want to assure you that there is a job waiting in the air industry if you've got the spirit and the heart and know what you want.

"There are countless jobs in the company—even my job is open—for you men. Jobs as reservation clerks, ticket sellers, weather experts, mechanics, instrument men, accountants and bookkeepers and even flight engineers," he said.

In response to a question asked

by a legless man, Captain Rickenbacker said regulations of the C. A. A. prohibited any pilot who has an amputation from flying a commercial plane.

"Right now we have contracts for \$18,000,000 toward new planes. These are four-engine Consolidators, DC-4 Douglas and twin-engine Curtis Commandos," he said.

"And don't think that the lack of a high school or college education will be any barrier to a job. I only went to the seventh grade

and had to work at 12 and have been going for 43 years. All I want in my men," he stated, "is plain unadulterated guts."

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FORT LOGAN, Colo.—Convalescents to act as public speakers before Denver civic organizations are being recruited by PRO. The men will tell the civilians what life overseas is like and how they can best help speed victory.

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Celestial Trigonometry Solved

WITH THE 6TH ARMORED DIVISION in Lorraine. — A corporal pushed into the Intelligence Section of a 6th Armored Division infantry battalion with an important-looking, newly-captured German document, that appeared to be as complicated as celestial trigonometry.

Said Lt. William W. Jax, of Buffalo, N. Y., "Let's get this deciphered and decoded," and sent it off to the Intelligence Section, Command B.

Said Capt. Jerry E. Rouse, of

Cicero, Ill., "Apparently a German fire plan," and hustled it by special messenger to Division G-2.

Said Lt. Col. Ernest W. Mitchell, of Arlington, Mass., "Interpret this baby. It's a Nazi fire plan!"

Said Lt. William B. Szabo, Toledo, O., Order of Battle expert, "Quickly, what's this?"

Said M/Sgt. Alexander Castle, German interpreter from New York City, "Interesting. A woman's dress pattern."



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Signal Corps Has Had 82 Years Of Thrills

WASHINGTON.—"Work as usual" was the schedule for the U. S. Signal Corps, Army Service Forces, which observed its 82nd anniversary Saturday without formal ceremonies.

Since its authorization as a separate branch of the Army on March 3, 1863, the Signal Corps has grown from a \$2000 item in the Army budget to a multi-billion dollar undertaking.

Army Quiz

1. "P-30" is the designation of an American Airforce plane. Do you know what it is?

2. Several nations of South America climbed on the Allied bandwagon following the Yalta conference. Do you know which has stayed out?

3. Iwo Jima island is to Tokyo as Bermuda is to New York. True? False?

4. Nuremberg, German manufacturing and railroad center, was a principal target of Allied bombing attacks last week. Do you know for what it was noted previous to 1933? And after 1933?

5. "Old Ironsides" and the "Old Unsinkables" have both become Navy legends. Can you tell what they were and in what memorable battles they took part?

6. On Feb. 23 General Eisenhower launched the great offensive in which Allied armies have moved on the Rhine. With what decisive actions of the Allied campaign in Europe would you associate the following dates:

- A. June 6?
B. July 27?
C. December 16?

7. Friday, Feb. 22, was celebrated by the Russians as "Red Army Day," as commemorating the founding of Russia's present military power. Do you know when this occurred, and who is regarded as its founder?

8. My buddy, recently sent to Alaska, enthused about the 20 per cent extra overseas pay he would get. Was he right in thinking he will get it?

9. An American Thunderbolt squadron last week bombed Hitler's home town and didn't know it. Incidentally, what and where is it?

10. A news item last week announced the favorite gift of GIs overseas to their mothers and other friends at home on special occasions. What would you think it was? (See "Quiz Answers," page 19)

Pity Postal Clerks

WITH U. S. SUPPLY FORCES, in France.—Why Army postal clerks in France get grey! There are three Pfc. Basil Garcia's serving in the ETO.

Exhibit Shows How Industry Has Saved SC Billion Bucks

HOLABIRD SIGNAL DEPOT, Md.—The mammoth Signal Corps Conservation Exhibit now on display here should dispel any notions that America-at-war is wasteful and extravagant, for the exhibit shows graphically how manufacturers in cooperation with the U. S. Army Signal Corps have saved the government over a billion dollars in producing 1,551,000 tons of Signal Corps equipment through the utilization of "ersatz" and substitute materials, and by engineering ingenuity.

der taking.

Its infant organization during the early days of the Civil War was composed of less than 100 officers and enlisted men, while now it numbers more than twice the size of the peacetime Regular Army. It is serving every commander and every soldier on every front and is linking them together in united action through every means of military communication. It is also supplying the military establishment with equipment that embodies the latest scientific advances and is basically sound in design and construction.

In administering this vast organization, Maj. Gen. H. C. Ingles, Chief Signal Officer, has insisted that speed and simplicity should be among the main objectives. Every function included in the mission of the Signal Corps is assigned to a specific unit which is charged with definite responsibility and authority. This delegation of authority and decision is decentralized to the lowest practical operating level.



—Signal Corps Photo

ARMY PAY RECORD of some kind was established when Sgt. John A. Gillespie, of Atlanta, Ga., whose monthly base pay is \$96, received \$1396 in a single pay at Hamgarh Training Center, India. It was his first in 13 months. Member of Merrill's Marauders, he was in the North Burma jungles with his unit from Dec., 1943, until Aug., 1944, when he was hospitalized until Dec., 1944. Uncle Sam still owes him \$110 combat pay which he has not yet bothered to collect. Within 30 minutes after receiving the money he turned most of it back to the payee, Lt. Martin A. Morris, of Inman, S. C., for War Bonds, the largest single purchase of War Bonds ever made at the TC Camp.

Baby Loses Daddy In Battle, 149 Recon Fathers 'Adopt' It

WITH THE 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Europe.—The boys in Sgt. Herbert L. Marshall's reconnaissance outfit say he "was the best damned scout sergeant in the ETO." They felt his loss keenly when he was killed while storming an enemy pillbox as his division

plunged through the Maginot Line. Somebody remembered that Sergeant Marshall had a young wife, Clarabelle, and a little daughter who was born after he left for overseas, who lived on a small farm near Ararat, Va.

"A meeting was held that night," said 1st/Sgt. Floyd F. Small, Louisville, and every officer and enlisted man in the 80th Recon Troop attended.

"Nobody said much, but everyone had the same idea, from the commanding officer right down to the outfit's newest arrival. Pay day was a few days after Sergeant Marshall's death and the six officers and 143 men made contributions sufficient to purchase a \$1000 War Bond.

"It's for Marshall's kid," the first sergeant continued. "There's no strings attached, but we hope it's for her education. Now this little girl has 149 fathers. Watching her grow up will hold us Recon boys together in the years to come. She's sort of symbol of going home—the best post-war project a man could have."

Use Of 18-Year-Olds In Battle Defended By Secretary Stimson

WASHINGTON.—"Never before, in my opinion, have American soldiers been so thoroughly prepared for their duty in battle," Secretary of War Stimson declared this week, in defending the War Department's policy of sending 18-year-old youths into combat with not more than 15 weeks of basic training.

The policy had been criticized by Senator Robert A. Taft and others, as being unfair and unwise.

Mr. Stimson asserted that, since the majority of inductees during the past few months have been in lower-age brackets, including a large number of 19-year-olds, a policy which prevented the use of such men would have meant the necessity of delaying the entire campaign in Europe and probably also in the Pacific. "This would have meant a tremendous additional loss of life," he said, "not to mention the other attending tragic results. Such a procedure would be wholly inexcusable."

Changed Earlier Policies

Stimson explained that battle emergencies had forced the War Department to change earlier policies.

He suggested that some Congress-

men and citizens had confused training of a division with training of an individual. Divisions used to be trained for a year or longer, and, while divisions in training were

Marshall Says Soldiers Prepared For Battle Duties

WASHINGTON.—"American soldiers now going into battle are prepared for their duties," Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, said in a letter to Representative Hess, Ohio, who had asserted that 18-year-olds were being reported as casualties after much less than a year in the Army.

General Marshall also referred to his letter of October, 1942, to former Senator Reynolds, opposing a suggestion to make 12 months' training mandatory for youths under 20.

"Under our present procedures," General Marshall said, "no soldier can leave this country until he is prepared to perform his contemplated duties."

GI Winners Named In Army Recorded Audition Contest

NEW YORK.—Eleven famous names in American music—from Benny Goodman to Deems Taylor—were judges in a nationwide contest to determine the champion soldiers' musical organizations in continental United States, it was announced by the Special Services Division, Army Service Forces.

Winners were named on the basis of phonograph recordings in four categories—Dance Bands, Symphony Orchestras, Group Singing and Novelty or Hillbilly Bands. Finalists had been selected by elimination contests held in each of the nine Service Commands.

Here are the winners:

Dance Bands

344th ASF Band, Fort Sheridan, Ill., first; Greensboro ORD Orchestra, Greensboro, N. C., second; 371st ASF Band, Camp Myles Standish, Mass., third.

Group Singing

Camp Hill Glee Club, Camp Hill, Va., first; 93rd Regt. Chorus, Fort Lewis, Wash., second; 404th ASF Band Chorus, Fort Des Moines, Ia., third.

Symphony Orchestras

AAFTAC Symphonette, Orlando, Fla., first; Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Lubbock Field, Tex., second (only two entries).

Hillbilly or Novelty Bands

693rd AAF Band "Noon Meal Cornsterns," Nashville, Tenn., first; 370th ASF Band "Ramblers," POE Army Base, Boston, second; Unit Commandos, Camp Crowder, Mo., third.

N. D. Senator Dies; Nye May Come Back

WASHINGTON.—Death of Senator John Moses (D., N. D.) at Rochester, Minn., last Saturday, aroused speculation on Capitol Hill as to who would be named by Republican Governor Aandahl to serve until the North Dakota general elections in 1946. There is possibility the governor may name Gerald P. Nye, Republican, who held the office for 19 years until his defeat last year.

New Wac Barracks At Finney Hospital

FINNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL, Ga.—Wac medical and surgical technicians assigned here as a result of the current enlistment drive will find new barracks and a Wac recreation hall when they report for their first duty at the local army installation.

Construction has started on three double-wing type barracks and other buildings, Col. S. M. Browne, commanding officer, announces.

available in this country the War Department drew men from their ranks for overseas replacements. Now that divisions had been transferred largely overseas, and the emphasis was on individual training, a change in the system of training was possible.

The War Secretary denied that older and well-trained men were being kept in the United States while youngsters were being sent overseas. "During the past year," he said, "practically every man under 35 who was physically qualified and who could be replaced, was sent overseas, and the same procedure was being applied to rear areas overseas."

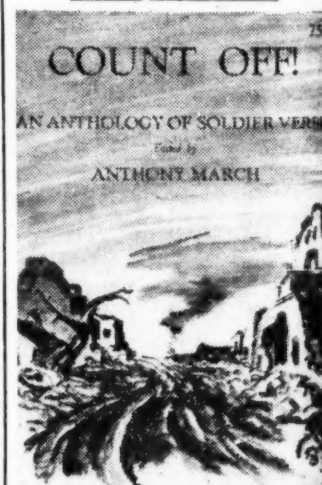
While the most recent inductees, Mr. Stimson admitted, were receiving a minimum of 15 weeks basic training, what they are getting is "the most rigorous training the Army has been able to devise after four years' experience." Most replacements since July, 1943, have received 17 weeks in the basic camps.

All have had additional training in staging camps enroute to ports in this country, or in replacement receiving pools overseas where they are under veteran tutelage. "Before any man is sent overseas," he asserted, "he is submitted to a thorough test to insure that he has assimilated his training, and is in fact prepared for combat duty."

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50 Schools Designated As Veterans Guidance Centers

WASHINGTON.—The designation of 50 universities and colleges and universities as veterans' guidance centers was announced this week as a culmination of the program sponsored by the Veterans Administration in collaboration with the City College of New York.

The 50 designated schools, operating under contract with the administration, have adopted proven procedures for the vocational guidance of veterans. They are the agencies to which disabled veterans must go as a preliminary to obtaining assistance provided in the law for them.

The guidance facilities in these schools are available also, but are not compulsory, for able-bodied veterans who wish advice on the best method of using the schooling for which the GI Bill of Rights makes them eligible.

More As Need Arises

The Veterans Administration noted that more guidance centers would be designated as the need for them arises.

The disabled veterans who take such vocational training are paid allowances of \$92 per month, if single; \$103.50 per month, if married; or more if they have additional dependents. The Government pays all expenses of instruction up to a maximum period of four years.

The vocational training will range all the way from training in the simplest type of job, to senior instruction in the higher arts or sciences. The only limit on the type of training authorized for the disabled rests in the decision by examining panels in the designated schools as to the type and amount of training any disabled veteran is capable of putting into practice to make him self-reliant and independent.

City College of New York opened a "pilot" guidance unit last June, sponsored by the Veterans Administration. Interviewers and psychologists began to assist disabled veterans immediately while working out procedures on the basis of day to day experience. The preliminary studies were completed by September and have been used as a basis for setting up similar procedures in the other designated schools.

Work At City College

John Gary Peatman, associate dean of City College, describing the type of work done there, said: "It promptly became necessary to know the physical and psychological demands of all kinds of occupations; the character of their educational or training requirements and the probable post-war trends in work opportunities."

List of Centers

The guidance centers have been established in the following institutions: College of the City of New York, New York City; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.; University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y.; Brown University, Providence, R. I.; University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.; University of Omaha, Omaha, Neb.; Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Phoenix Union High Schools and Junior College Districts, Phoenix, Ariz.; Ohio State University, Columbus, O.; Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Sacramento College, Sacramento, Calif.; Newark (N. J.) College of Engineering, Newark, N. J.; Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.; University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.; University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, O.; Fenn College, Cleveland, O.; University of Toledo, Toledo, O.; Youngstown College, Youngstown, O.; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.; University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.; University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Burlington, Vt.; Fresno Junior College, Fresno, Calif.; State Teachers College,

Eau Claire, Wis.; Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.

The University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.; Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.; Southern University and A. & M. College, Scotlandville, La.; University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.; Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, Ark.; University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.; North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, N. Dak.; University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.; Pennsylvania

State College, State College, Pa.; University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.; New Mexico State Teachers College, Silver City, N. Mex.; University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah; Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah; Utah State Board of Education for Weber College, Ogden, Utah; Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho; Bucknell Junior College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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GI Complaints May Be Answered By New Tank

DETROIT.—A new type tank with wide tracks and a 90-mm. gun being manufactured by the Chrysler Corporation may be the answer to complaints of American tank crews in Germany that their present tanks are "not worth a drop of water on a hot stove."

Chrysler officials have confirmed reports that they are manufacturing the new type tank, known officially as the T-26 which Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson has described as the answer to the German Tiger tank.

Patterson, in a radio broadcast, said the tank was "the most powerful we have ever built" and that its wide tracks gave power and flotation in mud, while its 90-mm. gun put it above any previous American tank in fire power.

While praise for the new tank was being voiced the tank crews who pounded their way from the Roer to the Rhine in Germany in a 10-day offensive expressed pride in their units, their record, their advances — everything but their tanks.

Want Better Tanks

"Tell them at home about our tanks," said S/Sgt. Robert Earley of Fountain, Minn., who commanded the first tank to enter Cologne. "Tell them our tanks are not worth a drop of water on a hot stove. Tell them we want tanks to fight with, not just to drive over the countryside in."

Earley was so tired he was shak-

ing when he made his statement. So were the rest of the men in his company. They had come across the Cologne plain to break into the city itself. In one field they lost half the tanks assigned to their company.

"We pushed into this town in our old M-4 tanks which the Nazis had been knocking around all through France," said Sgt. Sylvester Villa of St. Louis. "It made us pretty blue."

Gen. Earl H. DeFord Now Chief Of Staff Of Sixth Air Force

HEADQUARTERS, Panama Canal Department.—Brig. Gen. Earl H. DeFord, former Commanding General of the 11th Bomber Command, arrived in the Canal Zone to take up the duties of Chief of Staff, 6th Air Force, succeeding Brig. Gen. George G. Lundberg, who leaves for the Antilles Department, Caribbean Defense Command, for a new assignment.

General DeFord was in the Aleutian campaign from January, 1943, until the following January, when he left for Europe, seeing duty in London as Deputy Chief Intelligence Officer of the AEF and, later, in Algiers, North Africa, as Deputy Chief of Staff, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

His assignment, immediately prior to his arrival in Panama, was that of Commanding General of the 33rd Flying Training Wing, at Waco, Tex.

STILWELL

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again, away from the lads he shared so many dangers with. He's homesick for home now; he'll be homesick for his outfit then. We must get ready for him, he deserves all we can do for him."

Dilapidated Heroes

General Stilwell said he hoped to see more attention paid to "the lads who are carrying the ball," but puzzled over how writers "are going to make a glamorous hero out of a muddy and dilapidated GI with two weeks' whiskers and a barnyard aroma."

"They don't want to be glorified, they just want a break," he said. "The location of the man on foot, struggling forward with the help of the artillery, tanks, air, his own supporting weapons, and all the services, is still the gauge by which we measure success or failure," he said. "If he gets forward, we win; if he is forced back, we lose. All our inventions, all our machines, all our weapons, all our efforts, are centered on getting the man on foot forward. The reason is simple enough; he is the only agency that can hold ground. So modern war, like ancient war, boils down to the attempt of the ground forces to go forward in spite of everything—fatigue, fear, wounds and death."

The veteran campaigner, only recently returned from the China fighting, declared that no matter how war starts, "it ends in the mud."

No Cheap Shortcuts

"It has to be slugged out—there are no trick solutions or cheap shortcuts."

"The appearance of the submarine was at first generally thought to spell the doom of all surface ships," the general said. "The machine gun was to make attack impossible. The tank was to make defense hopeless, gas was going to annihilate whole populations, and the airplane was going to do several of these things. But it has become apparent to most of us that what we need is not an overwhelming superiority in any one weapon, promising as it may be, but a well-balanced force of all of them."

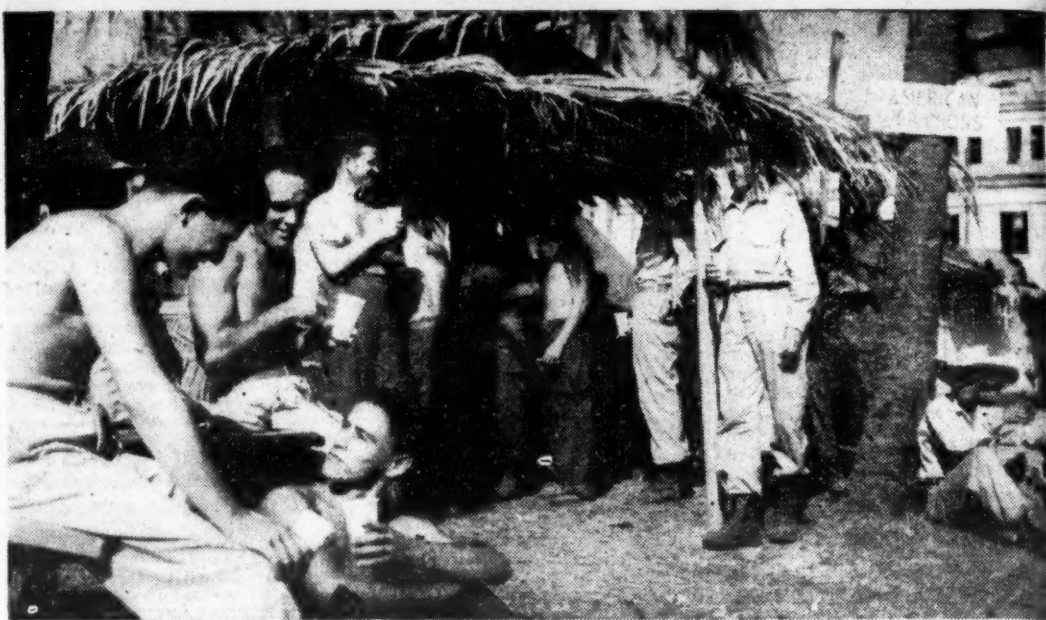
The ground forces commander, in a question period following his talk,

said that the best of the Japanese Army is still to be met in Manchuria, where two-thirds of Nippon's forces are now stationed.

He said that the Japanese Army in China is as strong as when the war started.



—Sgt. Jerry Chamberlain, Camp Blinding, Fla.
"There's your bayonet."



Red Cross Photo

RED CROSS CANTEEN serves the walking wounded from a nearby evacuation hospital on the edge of an important air strip at Lingayen, Luzon. As patients from this Philippine station are "flown out," Filipino girl volunteers, who staff the canteen, accompany the men to the planes and supply them with last-minute refreshments and Red Cross comfort articles.

Register To List Retired Officers

WASHINGTON.—In recognition of faithful service during national emergencies and for long periods, an honorary retired list has been established for officers and former officers of the Army of the United States who are not members of the Regular Army, the War Department announced Tuesday. The new list will be called the "Officers Honorary Retired List" and will be published each year as a section of the Official Army Register.

The honorary roster will consist of an alphabetical listing of the officers, their grades, serial numbers, components and permanent addresses. Former commissioned officers will be eligible if they fall within the following categories:

1. An officer who has reached the age of 60.
2. An officer who has completed 15 years of honorable service in active or inactive status, including

service in any component of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

3. An officer who has become physically disqualified, but not as a result of misconduct or undesirable habits.

4. An officer who has served honorably in time of national emergency, but who is not eligible for appointment in the National Guard or the Officers Reserve Corps upon relief from active duty because of his age or physical condition.

Eligible officers will be placed on the list only upon their own applications submitted to The Adjutant General.

Japs Still Using U. S. Scrap In Ammunition

COLUMBUS, O. — Studies made by metallurgists at the Batelle Memorial Institute here for the Army and Navy Ordnance departments and the Office of Scientific Research and Development reveal that the Japs are still using scrap metal supplied by United States in ammunition and other war manufacture.

"The laboratory data shows," says the report, "from the presence of residuals, that the scrap which the United States sold to Japan before the war plays a considerable part in the munitions being used against us."

Residuals in ammunition and other materials sent back from Jap battlefields, the report notes, "show certain characteristics of

metals that could have come only from American scrap."

The Japanese might have extracted the excess metals from the scrap, the report suggests. It is probable they did not need to attempt this saving because they were so well supplied with raw materials.

The report showed that the Japs are using nickel and tin lavishly, both highly valuable alloying metals.

HALE

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tered the flying service in 1923 after serving with the Philippine Constabulary and the Regular Army in China and France. At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor he was chief of staff of the 3d Air Force at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla., under General Tinker and followed Tinker to the Pacific.

He helped build the 7th Air Force from its puny pre-war strength to its present formidable status while taking it thousands of miles across the Pacific toward Japan. He earned the nickname "Hale's Handful" during those days.

Last year he was placed in command of land-based aircraft of all services in the Pacific forward area and later became deputy commander of the Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, and the Strategic Air Forces, posts he held until named to succeed Harmon.

MEDICS

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fails to perform his duty satisfactorily.

Since members of the Medical Department are protected personnel under the terms of the Geneva Convention, the right to wear the badge may be temporarily withdrawn upon transfer or assignment of the individual to duties other than medical in which he may come in contact with the enemy. In such cases, the right to wear the Medical Badge will be restored on relief from combat duties or on reassignment to the Medical Department.

YANKS

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section of the same army is now within 15 miles of Stettin, now under artillery fire.

The 2nd White Russian army, operating northeast of the 1st, captured Grudziadz, with its garrison of 5000, clearing the way for a drive on Danzig only 30 miles distant.

Bologna Road Nearly Closed

In Italy the U. S. 5th Army has made a marked advance in the Mount Belvidere region, southwest of Bologna, pushing the Nazis from a number of their mountain positions, and partially clearing the road to Bologna.

In the Pacific, bitter fighting has continued on Iwo Jima, with the Japs being driven gradually to narrowing positions on the northeast section of the island.

American leaders estimate 215,000 Japs have been killed on Iwo and Leyte.

On Luzon, the American forces have been regrouped for new drives to clean the remaining Japs from the island. It is estimated that of 10 Jap divisions defending the island, six, including some 90,000 men, have been annihilated. The remainder are bottled up in the mountains.

Honor Medal Given 20-Year-Old GI Who Gave Life For Comrades

WASHINGTON.—"By his heroic tenacity, at the price of his life, Private Towle saved the lives of many of his comrades and was directly instrumental in breaking up the enemy counterattack."

In such grim but proud words, the War Department announces another posthumous award of the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest decoration, to Pvt. John R. Towle, infantryman and former drill press operator of Cleveland for his intrepid action on Sept. 21, 1944, near Oosterhout, Holland, when he single-handedly broke up a German counterattack of 100 enemy infantrymen supported by two tanks and a half-track.

The 20-year-old rocket launcher gunner made a frontal attack on the two tanks and forced them to withdraw. He engaged nine Germans who were using a nearby house as a strongpoint and killed all of them with one round of his launcher. Then, while preparing to fire upon the enemy half-track, he was mortally wounded.

Medal To Family
The Medal of Honor will be presented to Private Towle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Towle of Cleveland.

The rifle company of the 504th

Parachute Infantry of which Private Towle was a member was occupying a defensive position in the west section of the Nijmegen bridgehead when the enemy force of approximately 100 infantrymen formed for a counterattack.

"With full knowledge of the disastrous consequences resulting not only to his company but to the entire bridgehead by an enemy breakthrough, Private Towle immediately and without orders left his fox-hole and moved 200 yards in the face of intense small arms fire to a position on an exposed dyke road-bed," the War Department citation sets forth.

Killed Nine Germans

"From this precarious position Private Towle fired his rocket launcher and hit both tanks on his immediate front. Armored skirting on both tanks prevented penetration by the projectiles, but both vehicles withdrew slightly damaged. Still under intense fire and fully exposed to the enemy, Private Towle then engaged a nearby house which nine Germans had entered and were using as a strongpoint, and with one round killed all nine."

"Hurriedly replenishing his supply of ammunition, Private Towle,

motivated only by his high conception of duty which called for the destruction of the enemy at any cost, then rushed approximately 125 yards through grazing enemy fire to an exposed position from which he could engage the enemy half-track with his rocket launcher. While in a kneeling position preparatory to firing on the enemy vehicle, Private Towle was mortally wounded by a mortar shell."

Oldest WAC Unit Gets First Award Of Merit Plaque

WASHINGTON.—The oldest WAC hospital unit in the Army has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for "superior performance and devotion to duty in connection with the care and treatment of the sick and wounded war veterans at Walter Reed General Hospital," the War Department announced Tuesday.

Award was made for a six-month period beginning July 1 and ending Dec. 31, 1944—the first full period after the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque was authorized as a means of rewarding, for outstanding service, those elements of the Army not engaged in combat. It is the first award of its kind to a WAC hospital detachment.

Maj. Gen. Shelley U. Marietta, Commanding General of the Army Medical Center, made the presentation.

"We are a team," he said, "working to care for the sick and wounded and to aid in the prevention of disease. This award is comparable to the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to deserving units in combat zones. It is something we are all proud of."

Belgian Braved German Ire To Tend Flanders Cemetery

WITH U. S. FORCES in Belgium, in the swift cold wind that rushes across Flanders Field American Cemetery from the North Sea, the flag of the United States now streams in clear colors against the pale blue sky. The flag on its high staff and the graves beneath it mark this place as American.

Standing under the flag, a U. S. general recently presented a letter of gratitude to Achiel Adams, of Waeregem, Belgian caretaker, who watched over the graves of the 1918 dead of three great American divisions now fighting in this war. Achiel Adams preserved the burial place as a part of America during the hard years of German occupation.

Taking over full care of the cemetery when the American superintendent was forced to leave in 1941, Mr. Adams ignored the Nazi banner flying in his village of Waeregem and kept the graves of men from the 27th, 37th and 91st Divisions

as green and bright as they had been before the Germans came. He felt an obligation to the soldiers who had fought in the bitter battles of 1918—the St. Mihiel drive, the Meuse-Argonne, the struggle for the Scheldt River and the fields of his native Flanders.

Former 'Burma Peacocks' CO Now Directs Arakan Activities

INDIA-BURMA AIR SERVICE COMMAND.—Col. William S. Pock, Jr., Detroit, has switched his activities from Central Burma to the Arakan, it was disclosed in orders recently. The former commander of the "Burma Peacocks" Air Service Group has turned up as deputy commander for the Air Service Group of Col. Douglas Johnston, providing ground support for the American tactical outfits in the Arakan aerial campaign of Eastern Air Command. It is understood he will be supervising the activities at advanced airstrips in much the same manner that he functioned in Burma's southward campaign toward Bhamo and Mandalay last fall.

Decorated For Heroism

The latest "Proudest Private of the Day" in the India-Burma Air Service Command is Harvey H. Matyas, of Milwaukee, Wis., member of an Air Service Group in the Assam. For heroism displayed more than a year ago on a ship that had been torpedoed, Private Matyas, just turned 21, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. The ship had been hit

by two torpedoes and listed. Orders had been given to abandon ship and life boats lowered. But Matyas and 10 other soldiers remained aboard to render assistance until all aboard had been safely removed, though fire spread through the decks. Matyas and his buddies polished off their helping-hand job by manning the guns as protection against the lurking submarine until the Captain ordered everyone off the doomed ship.

Rivers And Harbors Half-Billion Bill Is Signed By FDR

WASHINGTON.—Stage was set for Army engineers to start planning postwar waterway work to cost nearly one and a half billion dollars when President Roosevelt signed the \$500,000,000 Rivers and Harbors bill. The President had previously okayed the billion-dollar flood control measure.

The waterway projects are part of the Federal and State public works program intended to provide millions of jobs at war's end.

Divers Serve 1488 Hours Beneath Sea

WITH U. S. SUPPLY FORCES in Belgium.—Although they haven't entered any official claims in their own behalf, the "submarine soldiers" of the 1053rd Engineer Port and Construction Group hold one record that isn't likely to meet any serious challenge.

Since arriving on the Continent in July, the 13 divers and six divers' tenders of the Group's diving section have spent a total of 1488 hours under the waters of European harbors.

Nearly Million PWs

PARIS.—Supreme Headquarters on March 3 disclosed that German captives since D-Day totaled 954,377.



BIGGEST MAN IN ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Corporal Wagner Dwarfs His Buddies

QM Compiles Data On Average Size Of GI

WASHINGTON.—It's no easy task for the Quartermaster Corps to outfit the men in the Army for there are some whoppers in height and weight and some with "pups" that are real mean barking dogs.

At Fort Devens, Mass., for instance, is Cpl. Edwin Wagner, of the 3rd Tng. Regt. who goes up in the air six feet seven inches and who makes the scales punch-drunk with his 265 pounds.

Then at Camp Gordon, Ga., there's Pvt. Raymond Parseghian, who has been nicknamed "The Feet" because his tootsies require 15AAA clodhoppers, as his bare feet measure exactly one-foot each. And by way of contrast, Camp Gordon also has Lt. Lester Stoner, whose pups would be the envy of Cinderella, being so petite they fit easily in size 4 oxfords.

These are but three extremes brought to light in a study and tabulation by the office of the Quartermaster Corps of the sizes of more than 6,000,000 men at the time of their induction into the armed forces, with semi-monthly checks to include the latest figures. This compilation of data should be of great value to the clothing and shoe industries after the war.

The information has been compiled into tables which show the number of men per thousand requiring the various sizes of all items of clothing and footwear. Procurements by the Quartermaster Corps, also stock levels at reception centers, where initial issues of clothing are made, are governed by the figures in the tables.

Shoes are stocked in six widths from A to EE for each length, with

sizes running from 5 to 12, including the intermediate half sizes, making 90 sizes that must be carried in ratios indicated by the tables.

Thirty different trouser sizes are carried, ranging from 28- to 44-inch waist with leg lengths varying from 31 to 33 inches.

Twenty-two different sizes of shirts must be stocked, the sizes ranging from 13½ with a 32-inch sleeve length, up to 17½ neck size and 35-inch sleeves.

Jackets range from 34- to 46-inch chest size and are made available in four different lengths, regular, short, long and extra long. Twenty-four sizes are carried in the standard field jacket.

Gloves range from 7 to 11, overshoes from 6 to 15, socks from 9½ to 14, caps and hats from 6½ to 7½, and belts from 32 to 56 inches.

From the tables showing the frequency of issue can be gathered what is the predominant size of the present-day Army man. He will wear a 7 to 7½ hat, number 9 gloves, a 15 shirt with 32-inch sleeve length, a 36 "regular length" jacket, a pair of trousers with a 32-inch waist and 31-inch leg length, size 11 socks, and size 9-D shoes.

Tractor Is Truly An 'Old Faithful'

WITH U. S. FORCES in Belgium.—A United States Army 5-ton tractor, nicknamed "Old Faithful," recently completed over 15,000 continuous miles of operation without a breakdown. Other than the routine two-hour maintenance check every 1000 miles, "Old Faithful" has been on the road since late August, 1944.

Success Tale In Few Words

WITH THE 8TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—The Army has terse battle reports, too. Capt. Charles F. Tisdale, commanding officer of Company "L," 28th Infantry Regiment, who hails from Taylor, S. C., sent in the following report one night:

"Fifteen Germans appeared, fifteen Germans died. One counter-attack repulsed."

Maybe not as brief as "Sighted Sub—Sank Same," but definitely to the point.

Station Hospital At Daniel Is Added To Oliver Facilities

OLIVER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Ga.—The station hospital of Daniel Field, which contains 400 beds, has been added to the present facilities of the Oliver General Hospital. This is part of a 900-bed expansion program which will bring to a total of 2240 beds for patients, most of whom come from overseas.

The Medical Detachment, formerly located on the grounds at Oliver, will move into barracks vacated by Air Corps men when the field was deactivated last December. Also acquired will be housing for a detachment of Wacs, first to be stationed at the Oliver General.

Col. Hew B. McMurdo is Commanding Officer of the installation.

Patton Shows 'Em

BALTIMORE.—"General Patton doesn't ask his men to do anything in war that he himself can't or won't do."

This was the statement of S/Sgt. Thomas J. Defibaugh, of the Infantry Division, returned overseas to tour industrial plants and tell home-front men what combat-men need and expect.

The sergeant said that at the Sure River in Germany in January, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton suggested troops would not be "clay-pigeon targets" for the Germans if they swam across the 150-foot river instead of heading for Bettendorf in three-man boats.

"To show us it could be done and to inspire the troops, the General jumped into the icy water, swam across to the opposite bank and swam back, and thousands of troops followed him," said Defibaugh.



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Yanks Toast Victory In Goebbels' Rhine Castle

MUENCHEN GLADBACH.—The castle, Schloss Rheydt, which German citizens presented Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Paul Goebbels rang last week with the toasts of the 29th Division as the Blue and Gray's 115th Infantry Regiment celebrated their victory in approved style.

Beneath a life-sized portrait of Hitler, the officers of the regiment and their guests dined at a long

table formally laid with shining china and glittering goblets.

Lt. Col. Anthony Miller of Baltimore, regimental staff officer, acted as toastmaster and welcomed the divisional generals, Gerhardt, Sands and Watson, and then proposed a series of salutes to the personnel present, and to those men, wounded or dead, who had left the outfit.

Seeks Facial Uniformity

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Sailors standing close enough to hear the end of the conversation when the captain raised his voice for emphasis thought they'd heard the most lenient order an officer ever gave.

But Capt. Ernest L. Wood, who commands Company I, 800th Signal Training Regiment, was actually practicing stern—but evenhanded—justice in trying to attain GI uniformity in the appearance of his men, soldiers and sailors, at a Class A inspection. His practiced eye had spotted a very youthful sailor distinguished from the other

Navy men only by three long wispy hairs protruding from his chin.

"How often do you shave, sailor?" he inquired.

"Every five weeks," was the reply.

"Well, from now on, you shave every three weeks," was the order that set the listening lines of men back on their heels.

Goat Mascot Is Shell Barometer

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Belgium.—A never-failing barometer of incoming German shells is "Hootnanny," the goat mascot of Company L, 333rd Infantry.

His sensitive ears can hear the shells coming before the slightest noise is detected by the men. Before anyone else takes cover, he will make a dive for the barn and everyone else knows then that it is time to duck. Inevitably, the whistle of a shell can be heard seconds later.

"Hootnanny" was captured by the guards one night when he did not answer their challenge.

Dodgers Give Passes To First Two At Rhine

BROOKLYN.—The first two American soldiers, Lt. Robert Packer and Capt. Francis Oliver, to reach the Rhine have season passes to Ebbets Field.

Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, said that if the two Brooklyn officers didn't get back in time to use them this season they would be good in 1946.

Signal Corps Develops New Method To Lay Combat Wire

WASHINGTON.—New equipment by which combat wire in coil form may be laid by airplane or vehicle or paid out by bazookas and rifle grenades without the use of reels, has been developed by the Signal Corps and is now in production



MUD TOOK A LICKING from these men of an armored division of the 3d Army when they constructed a plank and gravel road, somewhere in Belgium, so that progress of vital traffic would not be brought to a standstill.

Record Of Advance Section Real Feast For Lovers Of Logistics

ADVANCE SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS, Belgium.—Logistics—the art of getting supplies to the right place at the right time—is big business with Advance Section, Communications Zone, Brig. Gen. Ewart C. Plank, commanding general, reveals.

Since D-Day, Advance Section engineers have laid enough railroad track to make a double track from Philadelphia to San Francisco, and now maintain 550 miles of highways. They have built bridges at the rate of three every four days, with an average length of 200 feet. They established three-fourths of the engineer depots on the continent, and control 2,000,000 square feet of open and 500,000 square feet

of closed storage space.

The Section's medical units operate two great hospital centers east of the Seine, and have treated more than 350,000 patients and furnished 120,000 pints of whole blood to the 1st, 3rd and 9th Armies.

Military police have handled more than 225,000 prisoners for these armies, successfully evacuating 15,000 of them from a threatened area in four days of the German counter-offensive.

Advance Section Civil Affairs has been instrumental in the importation from the United States of food for Belgium at the increasing rate of 50,000 tons a month.

43 Tons Of Money

The equivalent of \$310,000,000 in six kinds of foreign currency has been paid out by the Section's finance officers since D-day when they brought 43 tons of money into France over the Normandy beaches. Special Service units have shown free movies to 1,000,000 troops and

presented 410 stage shows before 225,000. Advance Section Army Post Exchanges have furnished 13,000,000 cigarettes and 7,000,000 candy bars, and the APO has handled 50,500 tons of mail, or 2,000,000 sacks, or 144 trainloads.

Advance Section signal corps motor messengers travel more than 40,000 miles each day. Ordnance units have supplied, among other things, almost 800,000 rounds of 4.2 mortar ammunition to the armies, and 500,000 gallons of smoke generator fuel or "fog oil" and 171,000 gallons of flame-thrower fuel. Quartermaster outfits furnish, and did during the German offensive, various supplies totalling 23½ pounds per man per day for many thousands of men.

GI Claims Record At Front With 55 Pictures Of Wife

WITH THE 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION, in Belgium.—Pfc. Robert H. Bolio, of D Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, believes he holds a theater record—55 pictures of his wife.

"I've never met anyone else over here with that many pictures of his wife," he said, "and I think 55 is pretty close to the record. If it isn't, I have more on the way."

Bolio, who is 21 years old, and his wife, Joan, 20, were married 11 days before he was inducted in April, 1943.

New Ballad Pays Tribute To Hero

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of the Infantry School, spoke March 2 over Columbia Broadcasting System in New York on the Stage Door Canteen program concerning the role of the infantry. His appearance was in connection with the introduction of a new ballad about a heroic Infantryman from Ohio, Roger Young, who won posthumously the Medal of Honor for heroism on New Georgia Island with the 37th Infantry Division. The song was composed by Pfc. Frank Loesser, who also wrote "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," and "What Do You Do In the Infantry?"

Armored Doughboy Authors Rare Gem In 'B' Alliteration

WITH THE 9TH ARMORED DIVISION on the Western Front.—Alliterative account Armored Infantry action ascribed to armored doughboy:

60th Armored Infantry Battalion — "Battered Bastards Battled from Beaufort and Bigelbach to Bastion of Bastogne on Belgian Border in Battle of Bulge."

The 60th, a unit of the 9th Armored, held the Germans for 10 days near Waldbillig, Luxembourg, was cut off part of the time, broke out, then after a long night march and no rest, participated with the 4th Armored Division in opening the Neufchateau-Bastogne corridor.

Praises Efficiency At Gordon Johnston

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—A veteran fighter of the C-B-I. Theater, formerly serving under Gen. Joseph Stilwell, Brig. Gen. William H. Holcombe recently observed his first anniversary as commanding general at this only amphibious Army Services Forces Training Center and largest DUKW Training Center in the country.

In thanking personnel here for aid in making the camp an efficient and effective cog in the mighty U. S. war machine, General Holcombe urged greater effort, stressing that in war's mounting fury, time saved means lives saved.



—Signal Corps Photo

"SWEET ADELINE" and other brass-rail favorites may be increased in their repertoire after a few brews, but at Camp Swift, Tex., Service Clubs Pfc. Richard Holtzclaw (left), surgical technician with the 380th Station Hospital, and Pvt. Edward L. Grabinski, truck driver with the 472nd Quartermaster Trucking Company, put out pre-war stuff in grand opera. Before coming to the Army both were with the Chicago Opera Company, the former a dramatic baritone and the latter on the tenor roster. They know 39 complete operas in German, Italian and French, including over 1000 songs.

686th Engineers Real 'Mr. Fixits'

WITH U. S. SUPPLY FORCES IN BELGIUM.—Electric refrigerators and giant power plants are among the heavy equipment the 686th Engineer Base Equipment company, commanded by Capt. Frederick E. Williams, Boise, assembles daily near a Belgian port.

The refrigerators, explained Lt. Frank Marks, of Florence, Ala., are used by Army hospitals to preserve whole blood, penicillin, and many types of medicine and serums. Power plants—some weighing 67,000 pounds—are needed for certain types of headquarters.

To Hold Weekly Gripe Sessions

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—"It ain't like the 'Old Army' around here anymore."

All commanding officers here were directed this week to set aside at least one period per week to hear the moans and groans, the suggestions, gripes and complaints of the ordinary dogface here.

Complaints are to be heard in confidence and the commanding officer is to take necessary action in each case or refer the matter to the appropriate office for solution.



—Signal Corps Photo

DURING A LULL in the fighting along the Burma Road, Sgt. Wallace R. Prochot, of Gary, Ind., uses a mortar shell casing as his griddle in making hot cakes, jungle-style.

Army Experience Helps China Cash In On Production Plans

KUNMING, China.—How to increase local production of supplies sorely needed in the war effort and to get fullest returns from Free China's admittedly limited industrial capacity are the knotty problems now being tackled by the Chinese War Production Board, and the Donald M. Nelson Mission, guided by experience gained by the staff of Maj. Gen. G. X. Cheves, Commanding General, Services of Supply, China Theater.

Following a policy of procuring items required by United States Forces within the theater where practicable, Col. Burton E. Vaughan, Washington, Chief of the Central Purchasing and Procurement Authority, has supervised the buying of hundreds of articles, from egg-beaters to cement for airfield run-

ways, throughout China. Due to the need of conserving transportation facilities these have been procured as near to point of use as possible.

Will Aid In Postwar

"Many of the ideas which we are proposing for action by the Mission and by Chinese leaders can contribute to the advancement of this country after the war," says Colonel Vaughan, "and we believe that, by helping the Chinese to help themselves, we are supplying the soundest and most lasting kind of international aid."

The arrival of the Nelson group, directed specifically by the President to devise means of increasing Chinese production, presented a new opportunity to cash in on Army experience. Services of Supply prepared for Mr. Nelson a list of items which it believed should be available but which were difficult to obtain in satisfactory quantities.

Productive Survey

Also prepared was an economic survey of Chinese productive capacity, assembled by the Resources Section of CP and PA, said to be the most accurate analysis of its kind. This established a tangible program on which the mission and WFB have gone to work, supplementing their plan for developing local manufacture of items badly needed by the Chinese themselves in the war effort.

Surveys indicated that in many cases plants were being operated at only a fraction of capacity, due to lack of balance in distribution of raw materials, to fiscal policies and to complications.

By identifying the supplies which should have first priority in manu-

facture, suggesting improved methods within the plants themselves, and utilizing Lend-Lease equipment and salvage materials, considerable headway is being made in taking more complete advantage of the productive capacity of the nation.

New Bomb May Be Secret Of Dresden Raid

WASHINGTON.—German and neutral reports of the quick and complete destruction of the huge city of Dresden by three waves of Allied bombers on Feb. 14 and 15, coupled with the Allied command's new use of the term "obliteration raid" has raised speculation concerning the possibility of a new super-bomb having been developed.

A German Transocean News Agency wireless intercepted here described the Dresden air raids "as the most radical devastation of a large and coherent urban area" and said "the catastrophe of Dresden is without precedent."

Allied war chiefs have made no comment on the German admission of the annihilation of Dresden nor on the reports of a new Allied bomb of terrific destructive power.

Eight Sons Serving

WASHINGTON.—Rep. Victor Wickersham, of Oklahoma, believes his constituent, W. D. Ward, of Gotebo, has claim to a record. He has eight sons and two sons-in-law in the armed services, all volunteers and no deferments.

Anzio Conversion Center Praised

ROME.—The Infantry conversion training center, situated not far from the old Anzio beachhead, is proving its purpose—to turn out men to fill the ranks of weather-beaten divisions on the Italian front now below Bologna.

Brig. Gen. J. C. Janes, of Portsmouth, O., who heads the Mediterranean Replacement and Training Command, asserts that the men are getting out of the 12 weeks' course what they are supposed to and are emerging as qualified infantrymen. High observers of the European

theater have been interested in the success of the project, which may be utilized in other places in Europe. Gen. George C. Marshall has inspected and praised the enterprise.

The idea of the training center has been to take clerks and drivers and other men not formerly utilized for combat duty and train them as replacements for wounded and tired front-line fighters.

Men Not Keen

It is frankly admitted that a number of the men themselves, who

had not expected to be called for combat duty, did not like the idea. General Janes said that a lot of newcomers "did not like the smell of gunpowder." But he added that an earlier problem of a lot of AWOL's had been greatly lessened and that only a very small percentage of the men were being turned back to their old jobs as psychologically unsuited for the infantry.

The men themselves suggested that, while they were "sweating out" the possible end of the war before actual transfer to the fighting front, they could understand the need of replacing "some other guy who's been catching hell up there."

The training center was formally dedicated by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney on March 1, though it had actually been functioning since October, and graduating infantrymen since January.

Jewish Chaplain And Noted Torah Fly 75,000 Miles

DOW FIELD, Me.—A modern "Circuit Rider" with a parish that extends over millions of square miles is now making preparations for another air journey that will take him from this field to Air Transport Command bases in the Arctic Circle, other stations in the North Atlantic route, and back again.

He is Chaplain (Captain) Harold R. Gordon, Jewish Chaplain for the North Atlantic Division of the Air Transport Command, and custodian of the now-famous "Flying Torah," a holy scroll used in religious ceremonies. To date the Chaplain and his Holy Torah have flown more than 75,000 miles.

The Torah, presented to the Chaplain by the Beth Israel Synagogue, Bangor, is more than 100 years old and contains the entire Old Testament carefully written on parchment in precise Hebrew. Since a Torah may be produced only by tedious hand copying, they are rare to the extent that they cannot readily be made available for Army installations.

Chaplain Gordon supplements his religious activities by providing men of Jewish faith in isolated North Atlantic bases with shipments of such home-representing delicacies as salami, pickled herring, dill pickles, and spiced beef.

Waylay Nazi Column

WITH THE 2ND ARMORED DIVISION.—Employing nothing but small arms fire, F Company of an armored infantry regiment waylaid a German column, inching through Belgium and accounted for 21 vehicles and 55 Germans. American losses were but five wounded and one killed.

Yank Cpl. Nearly Floored When He Gets Salute From Russian General

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—Cpl. Angelo Del Nagro, Buffalo, N. Y., is manager of two busy Army gas points in Rome supplying 1200 gallons daily to military vehicles. One-time printer and former infantryman with the 3rd Division, Corporal Del Nagro has been reclassified and assigned to the Rome Area Allied Command in the Mediterranean Theater.

He has pumped thousands of gallons of gas into jeeps, motorcycles, staff cars and trucks driven by officers and enlisted men from virtually every one of the United Nations.

His favorite story is about the Russian officer who pulled up in a staff car.

"He spoke English and told me he once had been in Virginia," Corporal Del Nagro said.

19 Seagrave Unit Nurses Decorated

WASHINGTON.—The heroic service of 19 nurses of the Seagrave Unit in Burma during the early part of 1942 has been recognized by award of the Bronze Star Medal to each, the War Department announced. One award was posthumous.

The posthumous award was made to Miss Luzon Htulum, who gave her life in service.

Awards were made also to M. T. Baw, Maru Baw, Emily Benjamin, Lulu Dwe, Ma Graung, Ohn Hkin, Malang Kaw, Ma Koi, Labang Lu, Maran Lu, Kaw Naw, Than Shwe Nee, Ester Po, Hla Sein, Na Shaw, Ruth Shu, Ruby Thaw and Roi Tsai.

MP Rounds Up Captives With Housewives' Aid

KREFELD, Germany.—Returning with truckloads of captured German prisoners, Pvt. Antone Viera, of New Bedford, Mass., military policeman in this Rhineland city, explained he had a system that was working nicely. To all women he saw, he made the suggestion: "If your husband is a soldier, go home and get him; otherwise he'll be killed." And the wives did the rounding up.

poral Del Nagro said. "He told me that Virginia's climate and that of the Ukraine from where he came were about the same. I filled 'er up. He smiled, thanked me—and then saluted me. I almost fell over. You see, he was a major general."

Spare Parts Important

In civilian life it would be just another 10 million dollar business, but to the Army the 754th Engineer Spare Parts Company is worth many times that.

In its two years overseas the company has supplied more than 1,000,000 parts to units in the Mediterranean Theater. Kept in stock are 80,000 items ranging from half-ounce screw caps to 1½-ton Caterpillar tracks. Always on hand are such items as parts for well-drilling equipment, steam shovels, water pumps, generators and cranes.

Asked if there were ever requisitions which could not be filled, Sgt. James C. Wilson, West Monroe, La., said: "Once." He was asked to supply parts for captured German motorcycles. The request had to be turned down.

"Sorry, not until we can send to Berlin for the parts," was the explanation.



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DECORATIONS for service in both World Wars bedeck the Army blouse of M/Sgt. William Freund, Jr., Personnel Sergeant Major at Fort Moultrie, S. C. He wears six campaign ribbons on which are clipped nine bronze stars indicating participation in nine major campaign battles, including the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. The sergeant is 52.

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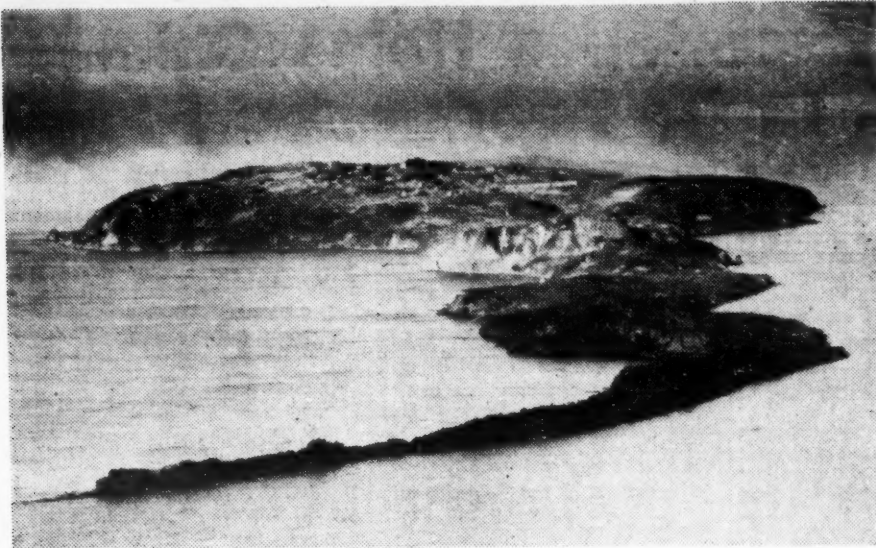
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AERIAL VIEW shows how Corregidor Island appeared to the paratroopers while they readied for the jump, with photo at right showing the terrain the troopers found when they hit the ground during the invasion.



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M18-M10 Tank Destroyers Prove Versatility In ETO and Pacific

WASHINGTON.—The role of the M18 and M10 tank destroyers in battle against enemy tanks and pillboxes in the European and Southwest Pacific theaters of war has won them the praise of their crews and the confidence of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance at Detroit.

The success of the 76 mm. gun and the speed and maneuverability of the tank destroyers were well illustrated in the battle of Bastogne during the Ardennes breakthrough, while the accurate fire of the 3-inch TD gun on the M10's sent more than one Jap to his ancestors from seemingly impenetrable entrenchments in the Southwest Pacific.

Two former company commanders of an M10 unit in the Southwest Pacific, now at the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at Camp Hood, Tex., declares that the effectiveness of the 3-inch TD gun in jungle fighting earned it the name of "sniper."

Brother Commanders

Capt. Herbert Zernecke and James A. Zernecke, brothers, said their TD battalions worked up front with the infantry while driving the Japs back across the South Pacific islands.

"In one engagement we were firing across a river at Jap machine-gun nests," Capt. Herbert Zernecke said. "The range was about 1200 yards and a colonel was observing results with field glasses. During a lull in the firing, a Jap gunner was careless enough to expose himself and one of the 3-inchers drew a bead on him.

"The shell hit the Jap squarely and he disintegrated. The colonel said, 'Beautiful job, that's a regular sniper's rifle you have there.'"

Good At Jungle Fighting

"High explosive shells worked well in the jungle," he said. "We used to go along with the infantry and when they hit a hot spot we would rip up the brush. We did a lot of indirect firing, too."

Captain Zernecke's battalion landed with the 32nd in the Philippines and one of the notable news pictures to come out of the campaign was a shot of an M10 on a beach while the destroyer commander watched a column of smoke rise from a Jap oil barge he had just set afire out in the bay. TDs on Leyte were given credit for getting a stalled U. S. advance moving again by setting fire to brush harboring Jap nests by firing high explosive shells.

The brilliant success of the M18s in the battle of Bastogne was told on the basis of reports from Cpl. Leo B. Edmondson, Cassville, Mo., gunner in a "Hellcat" M18 tank destroyer, and Cpl. Ed Russell, Star City, Ind., gunner in another M18 in the same outfit, the 603rd TD Battalion, attached to the 6th Armored Division in Europe.

"We knew there was a Panther just over the hill during a snowy

day," Corporal Edmondson wrote. "We came up fast over the crest. I was all ready and let fly at point-blank range of 200 yards. I knew there'd be only one round fired, and mine was the one—hit him right in the side and he went up in smoke. Then I pumped in two more to make sure—must have got 'em all for nobody got out."

"Our 76 mm. gun can't be beat," Corporal Russell said. "I had my biggest thrill the day I got a Jerry Panther retreating out of Grostenquin. He was going up a hill at 1800 yards with his gun pointed to the rear to cover his retreat. My first round had him blazing and another round took care of the crew. They didn't get a round off at me."

Edmondson and Russell, between them, accounted for eight Mark V

tanks and one Mark IV, in addition to seven self-propelled assault guns. But their praise of the M18 didn't stop with the 76 mm. gun.

"We owe our lives to its speed and maneuverability," they both agreed. "The day we scored seven together, both of our TDs really had to be jockeyed around. The enemy was firing all around us. I don't know what we'd have done without their ability to 'skat.'"

While at Bastogne, the battalion was employed defensively most of the time and destroyed 15 of the attacking German tanks. During this time, the elusive M18s, capable of doing up to 60 miles an hour over favorable terrain, managed to keep completely out of range of enemy gunners.

Faithful Dog Loses Sight, GI Becomes His Seeing Eye

NORTHINGTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, Tuscaloosa, Ala. — A dog's devotion to his master is an old, but never-failing source of good copy.

But T/5 Joe McLevich, laboratory technician at Northington General Hospital, provides a new twist to the old tale.

For Joe is truly a "seeing-eye man" for his pal, Rex, a German shepherd of many years who is blind in both eyes.

The pair are inseparable and Rex tags along behind his master throughout the hospital wards during the day, and sleeps beneath his bed at night.

Because the old dog's nose is not what it used to be, Corporal McLevich wears steel taps on his heels so that Rex can hear his footsteps.

After the war, Rex need not

worry about being left behind because Joe intends to take him home to Milwaukee.

This should prove highly agreeable to Rex, whose favorite diet is cooked liver and beer, particularly the latter.

GIs Must Not Trust Nazis, Says Bradley

WITH THE 12TH ARMY GROUP, in Germany.—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander, has issued a booklet which American troops are instructed to carry on their person and to be regarded by them as their bible of conduct while in Germany. Here are the General's "battle orders":

1. To remember always that Germany, though conquered, is still a dangerous enemy nation.
2. Never to trust Germans, collectively or individually.
3. To defeat German efforts to poison my thoughts or influence my attitude.
4. To avoid acts of violence, except when required by military necessity.
5. To conduct myself at all times so as to command the respect of the German people for myself, for the United States, and for the Allied Cause.
6. Never to associate with Germans.
7. To be fair but firm with Germans.

Barber Shop Again Open For Business

WITH THE 99TH INFANTRY DIVISION ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—Once more back in the business of shearing his buddies' locks is the barber of Company K, 393rd Infantry—but it took a combat patrol to do it.

The big German counter-offensive had forced the company to abandon its barber kit when it was suddenly hit by an overwhelming force of SS troops.

T/Sgt. George W. Fela, of San Leandro, Calif., came to the rescue. He led a patrol far out into "no man's land" to destroy six assault guns immobilized by American artillery.

Mission completed, the patrol returned with souvenirs—including the identical barber kit they had lost weeks previously and miles away.

'Spearhead' Lauded

WITH THE 3RD ARMORED DIVISION, in Belgium.—Congratulations for the part which the "Spearhead" Division played in stopping the German breakthrough drive have been received by the unit.

Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES. — In an unusual double presentation held in the Army War College headquarters of AGF, Col. Walter J. Klepinger, GSC, was presented both the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal by Maj. Gen. Clyde L. Hyssong, Acting Chief of Staff for Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Commanding General. Colonel Klepinger won the double honor for his work as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, of an Infantry Division that fought in Dutch New Guinea, and for serving with the Tanahmerah Landing Force there.

Col. Bryan Evans, FA, an AGF officer who parachuted into southern France last August with the first contingent of Paratroopers to land in that sector, was given the Legion of Merit, also by General Hyssong.

Among officers newly assigned here for permanent duty recently are Brig. Gen. William W. Bergin, of the Office of Chief of Staff, and Brig. Gen. Frank Dorn, Ground Requirements Section.

Present for conference purposes several days of the past week was Lt. Col. Forsyth Bacon, Cav, former observer in the Southwest Pacific area.

Two officers of this headquarters have been promoted to the rank of colonel. They are Kellam M. Matthews, GSC, Ground G-4 Section, and Jacobs S. Sauer, GSC, Ground Requirements Section.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL. — Officers recently assigned as members of the staff and faculty were: Lt. Col. Robert D. Heeschen and Maj. Mahlon S. Davis, Office of Assistant Commandant; Lt. Col. William C. Russell, Capt. Charles J. Genster, Jr., and Capt. Harry J. Parke, De-

partment of Combined Arms, and Capt. Thomas E. Shaughnessy and 1st Lt. Glen Gillis, Department of Communication.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND. — Celebration of the third anniversary of the Anti-aircraft Command and official welcome to the city of El Paso, Tex., is being given by businessmen of El Paso. During the week preceding the day of festivity, speakers from the command, Col. Sydney G. Harnett, Col. Kenneth M. Barager, Lt. Col. D. F. Sellards, Jr., and Capt. John Woodruff addressed high school assemblies and the city's service clubs on training of the



—Signal Corps Photo

AFTER A 300-MILE walk over jungle trails as medical soldier with an American portable surgical hospital, Cpl. Chester Stewart, of Ashtown, Ark., added the care of a Burmese infant to his daily duties. Stewart assumed charge of the youngster when its mother was wounded by Jap artillery fire in the vicinity of a Mars Task Force battle along the Burma Road.

Anti-aircraft soldier, history and development of the Anti-aircraft Command and action history of World War II.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—Col. George R. Burgess, CAC, recently returned from 10 months' service in Australia and New Guinea, has been assigned to the staff here. Colonel Burgess also has served in Hawaii, Panama and Puerto Rico.

Col. John A. McComsey, formerly of the G-3 Section, has been designated head of the Gun Department, replacing Col. Clifford D. Hindle.

Recently incorporated into the AA School curriculum is a four weeks' Officers Refresher Course. Intended to familiarize returning or rotated officers with newest developments in Anti-aircraft Artillery materiel and techniques, the course concludes with a realistic demonstration of all weapons, including the use of AA weapons in close support of Infantry.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER CENTER. — Maj. Gen. Virgil L. Peterson, the Inspector General, accompanied by Col. David B. Falk, Col. David J. Ellinger and Lt. Col. Andrew E. Van Esso, recently visited this headquarters.

Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, Commanding General, Replacement and School Command, and Capt. W. Terry Lewis, aide, visited this headquarters and the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Hood recently.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER BOARD. — Lt. Col. W. C. Rutherford, Lt. Col. F. L. Walker, and Lt. Col. L. S. Ward of the Infantry School; Maj. E. B. Crossman of the Infantry Board, were recent visitors here.



Servicemen's Wives, Like Hubbies, Want To Go Home

4th Infantry Division Claims It Has Most-Often-Wounded Medic

CIGARS FOR SERVICEMEN

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Back at the Doughnut Dugout in Arlon, Ginny was in hot water. It seems a lot of GIs had got the wrong rumor and were still looking for a German Meta Hari in a Red Cross uniform. Then, too, word of her escapade had reached a Corps Headquarters, and the brass was thinking of sending her back to the States. Promising never to go AWOL again, Ginny got off with

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Ho-Hum! Sammy Snead Wins Again

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Slammin' Sammy Snead did it again. Carding a 266, or 22 under par, for the 72-hole Jacksonville Open, the Hot Springs, Va., flash won his sixth championship of the winter circuit.

The win gave a six-to-four edge over his closest rival, Byron Nelson, in tournaments won but the \$1000 first prize wasn't quite enough to bring his total winnings up to Lord Byron's \$14,468. Snead has won \$13,849 on the winter tour.

If you think this Triple-S winning streak is monotonous shed a tear or two for the other hopefuls, who are driving and putting for beans and bacon—mostly beans. For example: Jug "Hard-Luck" McSpaden shot a grand third round

to tie Slammin' Sammy with a 200. In the final round he didn't have a chance as Snead made all the tough ones while he was playing all over and off the course.

Second place in the tournament went to Bob Hamilton, who had set the pace on the opening 26. The place winner had a total of 270.

In a three-way tie for third were Ky Lafoon, Bruce Coltart and Sam Byrd, all with 274s. Nelson, McSpaden and Amateur Fred Haas with 277s followed them.

Keesler Fliers Again Top Team For Deep South

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—In a repeat role the Keesler Field Fliers again earned the title of the No. 1 basketball team of the Deep South.

Taking over the mythical crown from the Gulfport Naval Training Center, the AAF Training Command quintet whipped the Bluejackets in the playoff of the Gulf Coast Service League, 45-30, recently to receive the huge 36-inch silver Andrew MacJones trophy as a mate to their 1944 MacJones cup. Among others, Keesler also defeated Tulane, Loyola of New Orleans, LSU, Louisiana Tech, Gulfport AAF, and Alexandria, La., AAF during this season.

Brooklynite Out-Paddles Iran Royalty

TEHERAN, Iran.—A sergeant from Brooklyn is beating royalty regularly with a paddle.

He is Jack Sherry. The paddled royalty is Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi.

The only reason the Brooklynite is able to hob-nob with royalty is because he is mighty handy with a ping-pong paddle and the Persian monarch is a rabid fan. The sergeant always beats His Majesty, but the royal game is improving.

Sergeant Sherry met the young Shah in Cairo in 1939 at the world table tennis championships. They met again in 1943, when Sergeant Sherry let the King know he was in his country. He was immediately invited over.

The Shah, thanks to Sherry, has improved his game until he now ranks high in Persian ping-pong circles, which are pretty high in world table tennis standards.

Gee-Gees Will Run Sometime During 1945

WASHINGTON.—There will be horse racing in 1945 but just where and when is still in the guess-and-be-damned category.

Maj. T. H. McCreery, president of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, visited the office of James F. Byrnes. When he finished the visit he announced that the gee-gees would get some payoff exercise this year.

The resumption of racing is dependent on the war in Europe and at best the programs will be limited.

However, according to Major McCreery "Washington has decided that we will be permitted to race at the earliest possible moment consistent with the war effort, in order to protect this (training and breeding stock) investment."

RHYME it with vine—that's the way to pronounce carbine. Though Nazis and Nips probably pronounce it deadily.

Wrong Horse Wins—So Do Yanks

SOMEWHERE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—Cpl. Nicholas Parise and Pvt. Louis Coutre just can't get their minds on the war—they're dreaming of a horse race.

The two soldiers went to a horse race while on furlough. They had a tip on a gee-gee in a steeplechase—the red hot favorite. So they bet 1000 francs on the jumper.

On leaving the window they saw their ticket was on the wrong horse

—a rank outsider.

"I gave Coutre hell for being so dumb," said Parise. "We tried to exchange the ticket, but those guys couldn't understand a word of English."

The race was run and—that's right, the longshot scored in a walk, 10 lengths ahead of the field. "Yeh, that's right, but the night clubs got all the winnings," said Coutre.



SINKING A LONG PUTT in the Inter-Allied Golf Tournament at the Lodi golf course, New Delhi, India, is Pvt. Johnny Goodman, of Omaha, Neb., holder of the 1933 U. S. Open and 1937 U. S. Amateur titles. He's matched against Lt. Bob Neill, former Scotch Internationalist and winner of many British Sectional Championships. Goodman won the match 5 and 3, although the Yanks lost the tournament, 8-4.

—Signal Corps Photo

Baseball To Offer Mixture Of Pioneers And 'Diamond Babies'

WASHINGTON.—Major leagues and top minors will offer a conglomeration of old stars, former greats and "diamond babies" for the 1945 season, now fast approaching.

Training season got under way this week, and at some of the camps were players who some years ago had been shelved as being through. Others who were readying were fellows who for years had donned their "monkey suits" exclusively for coaching purposes.

And mingling with these old-timers were medically discharged ex-servicemen, 4-Fs unacceptable even after special review in Washington, and under-age minors and sandlotters.

At no time have teen-agers been as welcome at training camps. Regarded in former years as "pests," they've now become "pets," coddled by owners and managers hoping they may prove to be diamonds in the rough. The moguls no longer

are independently choosy. They must have manpower to put teams on the field and they're grabbing anything and everything.

Old-Timers Backbone

But it's the old-timers, men in their 30s, who will provide the real nucleus for the National and American leagues. There will be Augie Galan, Dixie Walker and Wyatt, of the Dodgers; Medwick, Ott, Lombardi and Jurgens, of the Giants; Gus Mancuso with the Phillies; Sewell and Lopez with Pittsburgh; Cooper and O'Dea with St. Louis; Derringer and Passeau with the Cubs, and Shoun, Walters and G. Walker with Cincinnati.

In the American the Browns will have such as Moore, Galehouse and Kreevich; the Yankees Crosetti, Etten and Waner; the Athletics Bobo Newsom, Hayes and Dick Siebert; the Nats Dutch Leonard, Ferrell and Kuhel; the White Sox Trosky, Moses and Dietrich; the Indians Keltner, Heath and Cullen-

bine; the Tigers York, Trout, Higgins and Cramer, and the Red Sox Cronin and Pete Fox.

As the squads entered training team rosters, naturally, were problematical, but at least all major league teams had a foundation of familiar names on hand for tentative purposes, with the final lineups dependent on the stringency of the new national service bill enacted by the Congress.

Must Curtail Play

While no statement has been issued as to definite schedules for the majors and the higher minor leagues, schedule makers are now at work on revisions to provide for a possible later start and an earlier windup. All-Star game already is out, while the fate of the World's Series continues undecided.

ODT has announced that termination of war in Europe will not necessarily improve traveling conditions in this country. When VE-Day comes, all war activities will then center on the Pacific, with movement of troops and equipment marshaled against Japan. ODT feels such movement will result in many months of confused transportation, and this would mean football and other late-year sports would be affected.

Boost By Bonura Gets Moerman Postwar Job

PENINSULAR BASE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—Pvt. William Moerman, Kalamazoo, Mich., of the 12th General Hospital, pitched himself into a baseball league contract while still in the Army. He has recently signed a contract with the Minneapolis Millers for after the duration.

A former semi-pro pitcher for the Southerland Paper Co. in Kalamazoo, Private Moerman played for the Army all-star team in North Africa, where he attracted the attention of Zeke Bonura, of the Chicago White Sox, the team's manager. On Bonura's recommendation, he becomes the property of the Millers when Uncle Sam says o.k.

Season Ends With National Tournaments

WASHINGTON.—Although the national basketball championships are theoretically won in either the NCAA or national invitation tournaments many observers feel that the championships have already been decided with honors divided between Iowa and Army.

Army won the Eastern title by beating Navy, 50 to 48.

Iowa won the Big Ten championship by downing Illinois, 43-37. The Iowa team is rated as the best team in the Midwest.

There are many teams, however, who feel that they should rate as challengers for the title, if not given a piece of the crown. These teams have proven themselves by winning league races. The conference champions are as follows:

Eastern League, Penn.
Pacific (Southern), U. C. L. A.
Pacific (Northern), Washington State and Oregon, tied.
Big Six, Iowa State.
Big Seven, Utah.
Southwest, Rice.
Southern, North Carolina.
Southeast, Kentucky.
Ohio Conference, Akron.
Mason-Dixon, American.
Southwest Border, New Mexico.
Missouri Valley, Oklahoma Aggies.

A few of these teams and other high ranking free-lance clubs will appear in the tournaments.

Already selected for the national invitational tournament are DePaul, Bowling Green, St. John's, Muhlenberg, Tennessee and Rhode Island State. Two berths remain to be filled.

Although Iowa turned thumbs down on the NCAA tournament, Ohio State, runner-up in the Big Ten, has accepted an eastern division bid. Kentucky has also accepted.

In the west, Oklahoma Aggies, Arkansas and Utah are already to go.

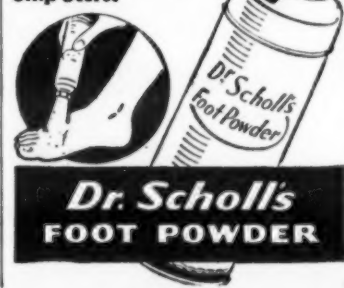
Some tournaments among service teams have already been completed. Hunter Field, Ga., won the 3rd Air Force championship over nearly 50 base teams by downing Lake Charles Field, La., 51-38.

Other service teams, which have compiled brilliant records, with all reports not in, are the following:

Memphis NATTC, 31-1; Fort Bliss, 29-1; Marine Corps Institute of Washington, 26-1; New York District Coast Guard, 26-1; St. Augustine (Fla.) Coast Guard, 19-1; Lincoln AAB, 27-3; Miami NATTC, 25-3; Valley Forge Hospital, 31-4, including the 3rd Corps Area tourney title; Bolling Field, 22-4; Norfolk NAS, 22-4; Fort Belvoir, 20-4; Iowa Navy, 16-4; Great Lakes, 32-5; Bainbridge, 27-5; Fort Lewis, 34-6; Alexandria (La.) AAF, 40-6; Norfolk NTS, 26-8.

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HEAVIEST SNOW FALL London has seen in many years did not deter two six-men football teams of the Air Transport Command, European Division, from a scheduled game in Hyde Park. In this game, the first of an intra-mural tournament between United Kingdom teams of ATC's European Division, commanded by Brig. Gen. Earl S. Hoag, Headquarters ATC won from Southern England ATC by 27-0.

Cadets Take Middies' Measure In Dual Winter Sports Meets

WASHINGTON. — It was Army practically all the way as the Cadets outscored the Navy Midshipmen in contests marking the end of the winter sports season.

The Army basketball team downed the Middies 50 to 48 to win the Eastern championship.

In the twenty-fourth annual Intercollegiate A.A.A.A. indoor track championships the scanty-clad Cadets retained their team title with 73½ points. Navy, 55½, was second.

Army's powerful swimmers completed a perfect season by defeating Navy, 44 to 31.

The Cadets placed first in all six gymnastic events to vanquish Navy, 63½ to 32½, and finish their campaign undefeated.

Army's pistol team made the picture complete by downing the Middies, 1336 to 1314.

Only in the rifle shooting and fencing did the Middies score. The riflemen won, 1398 to Army's 1381.

Fun-Loving Yanks Stage Horse Race In Battle Lull

ON THE COLOGNE PLAIN, Germany.—Yank soldiers will find a way to have some fun, even in the odd spare moments free from fighting.

An artillery outfit from the 1st Army front moved up near the town of Elsdorf and found they had to corral half a dozen horses before they could begin shooting from the new location.

Someone in the outfit got an idea. A bulldozer was brought up and used to cut a circle of turf around the edge of the field.

Some of the artillerymen volunteered as jockeys and a horse race was staged right on the spot. The betting became heavy on a roan plow-horse named Marjory.

Marjory won all the heats.

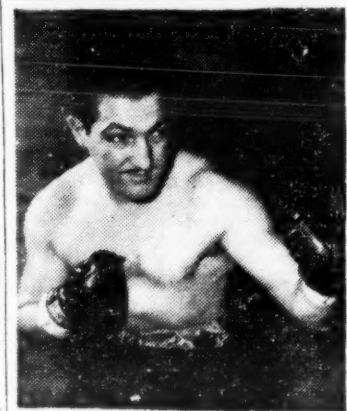
and the Navy fencers downed Army, 14 to 13.

Army's Quint Steadier

The Army basketball team was jittery at the outset, but regained its poise and because it was steadier when the tempo increased won the game.

Navy took a 5-0 lead, which faded as the Cadets steadied. Navy rallied shortly before the half and left the floor with a 25-24 lead.

The lead shifted back and forth until Army assumed a 36-35 lead, from which it was never headed. Scoring steadily the Cadets moved ahead, 43-36, 49-41 and 50-44. The Middies rallied at this point, sank two field goals, but were unable



—AAF Photo

THREE TIMES WINNER of the Southern Golden Gloves middleweight championship, Cpl. Jerry Miller, Smyrna Field, Tenn., has his eyes trained on the top rung of America's professional welterweight ladder. Fighting three years on Smyrna's boxing team, Miller has never been beaten in that territory. Miller hails from Corning, N. Y., is 24 and has been boxing 10 years. In six Golden Gloves tourneys he's gone to the National finals three times.

Scores 49 Points In One Game

FORT MEADE, Md.—West Point may have its Doug Kenna and Dale Hall; DePaul University its George Mikan, and Bainbridge Naval Training its Armstrong, but the 6th Regimental basketball team here is willing to string along with its own Pvt. Billie Garrett.

Garrett, former Benton, Illinois, high school star, scored what is believed to be a nation's record for the current season when he hit the target for 49 points on 23 field goals and three fouls. It was a regularly scheduled game in the

Ft. Meade Regimental League, composed of former high school, college and professional players.

In the five games in which he has participated, Garrett's personal box score reads 15, 16, 15, 27 and 49 for a grand total of 122, or better than 24 points per game.

Gene Tunney Was The Best, Dempsey Says

SAN FRANCISCO.—Commander Jack Dempsey got around the other day to naming the ten best men he ever fought and it's easy to guess who leads the list—Gene Tunney. The other nine in order are: Tom Gibbons, Georges Carpentier, Luis Firpo, Bill Brennan, Jess Willard, Gunboat Smith, Billy Miske, Fred Fulton and Battling Levinsky.

The hardest hitters were Firpo, Smith, Carpentier, Tunney, Brennan

to tie the score in the closing minute of play.

Footballers Bobby Dobbs and Doug Kenna sparked the Cadet attack. Other Cadet football greats were also keeping their names in sports headlines as the Cadets took the track blue ribbon.

Max Minor picked up points in the dashes and Felix Blanchard won the shot put.

Tilden Protests U. S. L. T. A. Ban

BUFFALO.—Big Bill Tilden, who has never been known to put a curb on his service or his tongue, has lashed out at the United States Lawn Tennis Association in behalf of the servicemen.

Tilden's attack followed the refusal of President Holcombe Ward of the association to permit Pancho Segura, amateur, to play Big Bill at Atlantic City.

Tilden claims this ban on amateur vs. professional matches at Army camps and hospitals is "insufferable," and that the U.S.L.T.A. is depriving servicemen of the "kind of tennis matches they would be able to see."

The soldiers at Atlantic City wanted to see a Tilden-Segura match, according to Tilden, but

Invasion Currency Not An Obligation Of U. S.

WASHINGTON. — The United States has not assumed and does not intend to assume any liability for redemption of so-called "invasion currency" used by American armies in liberated European countries, according to Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau.

Morgenthau has informed Congress that claims of foreign governments for the amount of their currency printed in his country and used by our forces may be present after the war, but said:

"Naturally, some people over there would like to make the currency an obligation of the United States Treasury, which it is not."

Undersecretary Daniel W. Bell told the House Appropriations Committee that the Italian government accepted responsibility

for redemption of Italian invasion currency under terms of the armistice agreement and that the same obligation has been accepted voluntarily by other governments.

Mother Tells Monty: 'End War By Mar. 23'

LONDON.—Having predicted that war in Europe would be over by March 23, Lady Montgomery has written her son, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, to make sure her forecast is fulfilled.

"He's always been an obedient son and I know he'll do his very best," remarked Lady Montgomery.

Ward refused. "If I were a professional in the armed forces, it would have been okay, but no civilian professional can play a civilian amateur."

Vinnie Richards was allowed to play Segura at Atlantic City, as Richards is a captain in the New York Guard.

Trucks On The Move

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS.—More than one and a half millions tons of supplies have been moved by trucks of the Motor Transport Express Lines from the beaches and ports of Europe, the Office of the Chief of Transportation announced today.

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The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Jeep appear regularly in this space. Watch for this feature

College Stars Are On Keesler Tennis Squad

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Loaded with varsity lettermen from the nation's leading collegiate tennis squads, the Keesler Field net team plans to open the AAF Training Command station sked next month with military and civilian opponents of the Gulf Coast area.

V-Mail Only Assured Air Service Overseas

WASHINGTON.—With insufficient cargo space on aircraft available to carry the air mail load, the War Department in an announcement Monday emphasized that the affixing of air mail postage on overseas mail will not guarantee the transmission of air mail by air from the United States to overseas destinations.

Of all categories of overseas personal letter mail only V-Mail will be assured of overseas dispatch by aircraft, it was pointed out, a condition which has been brought about by the large increase in the number of troops overseas and the consequent up-swing in the volume of outgoing mail, which has, now reached the unprecedented volume of some 45,000,000 individual pieces per week.

While air mail will continue to be carried from certain overseas points to the United States along with V-Mail by air, the Army Postal Service said that this would be possible only because of the availability of cargo space on homeward-bound airplanes.

Although this further curtailment of air mail service was brought about primarily as a result of a shortage of space on airplanes between the United States and the European and Mediterranean Theaters of Operations, the same conditions exist in lesser and varying degrees on other routes between this country and other overseas theaters.

Powder River Yanks Write More Letters Than They Receive

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—The 91st "Powder River" Infantry Division soldier serving on the 5th Army front in Italy receives on the average five letters for every six he writes, according to Sgt. Harold W. Jacobsen, of Portland, Ore., of the division mail dispatch section.

Since coming overseas last May until Jan. 1, 1945, the division sent 3,286,531 letters and during that time received 2,522,384, Jacobsen said.

Soldier Wakes As Priest Sings Mass Over His Body

WITH THE 9TH ARMORED DIVISION, on the Western Front.—It isn't everybody who has the Requiem Mass sung over his body and lives to tell about it, but such is the experience of Pvt. William S. Murray, of Allison, Mass.

Private Murray, a military policeman of the 9th Armored Division, had spent several sleepless nights on active duty in the front line without relief. He was pretty exhausted when his unit moved into a Belgian town at 2.30 in the morning, and as the billets were filled by early arrivals, Murray elected to sleep in the church.

He chose the sanctuary near the

In some of the smaller and less active theaters it will still be possible to carry a limited volume of air mail.

Life-A-Mile Toll Of Ledo

WASHINGTON.—Construction of the Ledo Road claimed a human toll of a life for each of the highway's 1044 miles, a report by the War Department says in recounting the struggles of Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Pick and his men in building the main supply route to China.

Actor Wins Playwriting Contest; Camp Authors Are Highly Praised

CLEVELAND.—Capt. Ralph Nelson, of Long Island City, N. Y., pilot instructor at Moody Field, Ga., won first prize from the National Theater Conference for his 3-act venture into the supernatural, "The Wind Is Ninety."

The announcement was made by George McCalmon, contest editor of the National Theater Conference, Western Reserve University, who also announced the other 18 winners in the camps division of the Second Playwriting Competition for men and women in the armed services. Overseas winning contest plays will be announced as soon as they are released by the Office of Censorship.

Played With The Lunts

Before entering the service, Nelson was an actor. He had played with the Lunts in "There Shall Be No Night" and in a number of other Broadway productions.

Other winners are: Long Play Class: (Second), Sgt. Malvin Wald and Sgt. Walter Doniger, both stationed at Culver City, Calif., for their play, "Father Was President." (Third), Cpl. Haig Manogian, stationed at Camp Maxey, Tex., "Thus Spoke Cadmus." (Honorable mention), Lt. Isaac W. Allen, "Two Is A Crowd," and Wac Pvt.

Laurabelle Minter, "Seventh Moon."

One Act Class: (First), \$50 prize, Sgt. Robert Gibson, stationed at McClellan Field, Calif., "Don't Wait for Me." Also \$25 each to Pvt. Norman Beim, stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., for "Inside"; Pvt. Norman Nelson, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., for "Shakedown"; Cpl. Richard Harry, for "Hope Is the Thing With Feathers." (Honorable mention), Sgt. Charles Mersich, stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., "Alien Song"; Cpl. Elmore Andre, stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif., "Small Glory"; Lt. (j.g.) L. A. Brennan, stationed at Washington, D. C., "An Act in America," and Sgt. Margaret Ghio, of Columbus, Mo., for "An Evening at Home."

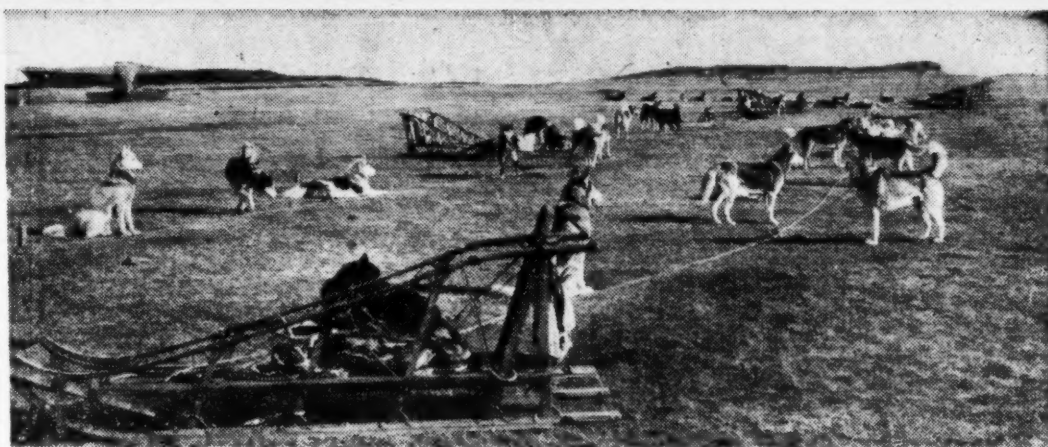
Skits and Blackouts: Prizes of \$20 each to Col. Harold Kayser, of Fort Douglas, Utah, for two playlets, "The Uniform" and "Wac's Afternoon Off," and to Pvt. Edward Mitchell, of Cleveland Hts., O., for two numbers, "Latrine Rumors" and "Fall Out." Prizes of \$10 each went to Giles O'Connor, PR 2/c, New York City, for "Oliver Jones, A.S.," Pvt. David Jeffreys, stationed at

Howbout It, OPA? Lacks Red Points But He Gets Pork

WITH THE 104TH TIMBER-WOLF DIVISION, in Germany.—He didn't get any Kraut to go with the pork, but the meat was tender in Pfc. Mauler's mess kit.

Manning an observation post for Regimental Headquarters company of the 413th Infantry, the Marine, Ind., soldier hastened out to search the area, when the phone brought a warning that a German patrol was near.

No Nazis appeared, so Mauler went back to the OP. Then he received a second warning. This time he was going over the area with flares when an American mine went off. The German patrol, its personnel consisting of one pig, had stepped on a mine. The "patrol" wound up in a well-greased frying pan.



—Signal Corps Photo

RESTING IN FRANCE are these huskies, who were flown from Iceland in C-47s and used during heavy snows on the Western Front to pick up wounded soldiers. The unit was a part of the Arctic Search and Rescue Unit, North Atlantic Wing. Popular with the husky pack is Pfc. Matthew M. Boehm, of Brooklyn, a medic attached to the 94th Medical Air Evacuation Battalion.



Red Cross Girl Is Poker Shark And Gls Mourn

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—At a division clearing station some Railsplitters were resting when a pretty Red Cross Hostess came along. After chatting and kidding her a bit, they invited her to play a few hands of poker.

At the end of the game, the "hoodwinked" Red Cross lassie had cleaned them completely. The next day she sent each of the losers a perfume scented hankie in remembrance of the fateful game.

Antilles Soldier Has Very Busy Off-Duty Program

HQ. ANTILLES DEPARTMENT.—Reflect for a moment on the town of Al, Ohio—just a few whistle stops this side of Toledo.

If you think Al strange (can't say it without spelling it and vice versa), examine the record of one of its favorite sons—Sgt. Dale Wentz, a 6-foot-2 Antilles Department soldier stationed in Trinidad.

Wentz, assigned to an Army personnel office, has a full list of un-

usual doings on and off his service record. For instance:

Since arriving in Trinidad 18 months ago he has written to more than 180 different people in 20 states and five foreign countries. He plays chess by correspondence (also the game of "battleship"). One chess match took 13 months to complete, another lasted 11 months.

After mailing more than 100 coconuts to friends in the states, Dale published an article on "The Art of Mailing A Coconut".

Wentz (who has never tasted beer or a cigarette) drank 23 bottles of soda pop at a Fourth of July reunion back home. Between meals his favorite indulgence is ice cream with a banana sliced into it.

An expert with the darning needle, he embroiders, knits, crochets and what-not.

Dale saw his first movie at the age of 14; graduated from high school at 16; was a Scoutmaster at the time of his induction into the Army.

Wentz's favorite pre-Army pastime was taxidermy. He has stuffed hawks, owls, cats, frogs, deer and pheasants.

He plays the piano, trumpet, organ—and typewriter. But he can't sing to save his life.

Giggy



Psychology Needed In Treating Wacs, Says Their Woman Doctor

WITH U. S. FORCES, in France. — Maj. Marion C. Loizeaux, M. C., of Wellesley, Mass., the first woman physician to be commissioned in the European Theater of Operations, is serving on the staff of Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, Theater Surgeon, as a special consultant in all matters pertaining to medical care of the Wacs.

Energetic, direct, with humor in her blue eyes, Major Loizeaux has an ideal background for her work. She was assistant college physician at her alma mater, Wellesley College, for several years before she came to England in 1941 as a volunteer doctor.

"I'm a combination troubleshooter and liaison officer," explained Major Loizeaux, "and it's part of my job to orient the army doctors in the psychology of treating Wacs."

Wac health problems in this theater are minor, according to the Major, who believes that men and women can't be treated the same because of a difference in their mental outlook. She is no armchair doctor; she obtains information direct by visiting Wac detachments, often driving her own jeep.

In high school, Major Loizeaux refused to take a biology course because she disliked dissecting frogs, but when she was on a busman's holiday to a front-line evacuation

hospital she extracted a bullet from a wounded soldier's arm.

Selected from 500 applicants, Major Loizeaux was one of 12 women doctors accepted as volunteers by the British Ministry of Health in 1941. These physicians were given contracts for a year each and dispersed across the Atlantic in two's. Major Loizeaux arrived with the second group in October.

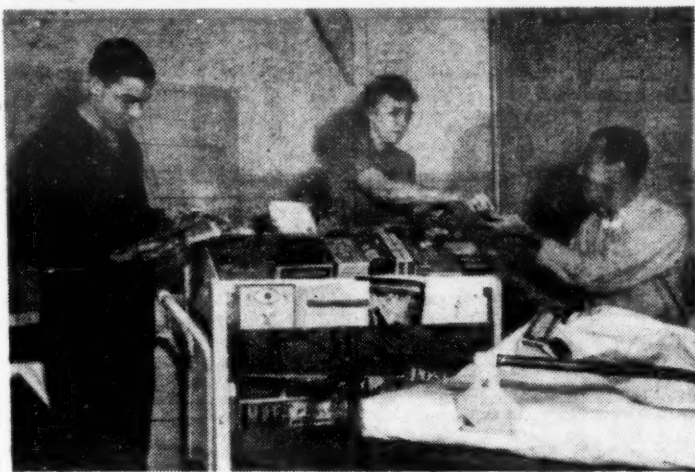
She served variously in England: At Orset Lodge hospital in Grays, Essex, where she was the resident

physician in charge of all Emergency Medical Service beds, and later at Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, London.

Major Loizeaux was in London during the "little blitz."

"I was here to meet the American Army when it came across," the Major said, "and many of my medical friends came with it."

Major Loizeaux, one of about 75 women doctors in the Army, was promoted to her present rank Nov. 1, 1944.



—AAF Photo

WAC'S MOBILE PX brings Post Exchange items to the bedside of patients in Cochran Field station hospital at Macon, Ga. Carrying cigarettes, candy, magazines, etc., and keeping track of change was more than Pfc. Pearl Keim, medical technician, could manage, so she hit on the mobile service idea and daily stocks up the wagon and pushes it from ward to ward—all this on her off-duty time, with no remuneration for her job nor profit on the sales.

Dutch Boy Joins Yanks, He's Born Bazooka Expert

WITH THE 7TH ARMORED DIVISION, on the Belgium Front.—A Dutch boy known only as "Hans," fought side by side with members of Headquarters Company, 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, as they were defending St. Vith. His accurate bazooka fire knocked out a Tiger Royal Tank.

"Hans" had only an hour's instruction on the bazooka. When the Germans threatened to wipe out the unit, he heroically took up his position and fired seven shots into a tank.

After the tank had been knocked out an examination revealed that all seven shots had been neatly placed in separate vulnerable spots on the tank.

"Hans" joined the infantrymen when they were in Deurne, Holland, in November. His home is in Venlo.

He was wounded in later action, and has been evacuated.

Grand Job By PGC Troops Now Immortalized In Song

TEHERAN, Iran.—Persian Gulf Command troops who have been pumping the life blood of war—armament, equipment and food supplies—into the Soviet Union for the last two years have had their work set to music.

A Chicagoan, Cpl. Abe Seravitz, who as a civilian entertained under the name of Al Sears, wrote both the words and music of "Men of the Persian Gulf Command." Soldiers who have moved nearly 5,000,000 tons of vital war supplies to their ally chose it as the official PGC

song in a recent contest.

Lyrics of the song are: "Men of the Persian Gulf Command Were there when Russia needed a hand,

Tho' the job meant keeping on the run, Every son knew it had to be done; Then the supplies came rolling thru,

And with amazing speed how they flew, On the highways, ports and the railway lines,

You can hear them singing on their way, We're the men of the Persian Gulf Command.

And we're proud of the part we play."

An entertainer and musical director with the Seventh Special Service Company, stationed at Amirabad Post, PGC headquarters, Seravitz entered the Army in July, 1942. He was a pianist, vocalist and accompanist in Chicago, Hollywood and Los Angeles, and appeared with Ted Fiorito's orchestra and also on the radio.

Seravitz's prize-winning song brought him a trip to Egypt and Palestine.

Runner-up in the contest was Cpl. Edward Davis, of Grand Junction, Colo., with "Song of the PGC."

Third place in the contest, conducted by the Army Expeditionary Stations here and in Ahwaz, was T/4 Edmund J. Beardsley, of Alexandria, Ind., with "PGC for Victory."

Modern War

WITH THE U. S. 9TH ARMY, in Germany.—Not taking any chances by walking unheralded into the American lines, a German soldier tapped the telephone wire of Lt. Nestes McGee's anti-tank platoon headquarters and asked for an escort to surrender.

"I thought someone was pulling my leg and hung up," Lieutenant McGee said. "When he called back a second time, I informed intelligence and they sent a man down to make the capture."

"Little Bastogne" Staged By Negro Tank Battalion

SEVELEN, Germany. — A miniature "Bastogne" was staged by a Negro tank battalion here, when they mauled Nazi parachute units in savage street fighting while cut off for 18 hours from their own forces.

The 748th Tank Battalion, fighting its first offensive action beside the veteran 34th Infantry Division, won a place in the hearts of the men of the 35th by the battle they put up here, and the spearhead fighting it did to get here.

Sgt. Walter "Pop" Half, a 47-year veteran of the last war from Little York, Ill., was called out as the commander of a tank bulldozer to fill in craters on a road.

He went on to knock out a German .88-mm antitank gun.

Sgt. Ambrose Hicks, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., an artillery mechanic, was sent back to bring an artillery convoy through. He saved three trucks parked near a burning ammunition truck loaded with 2300 pounds of TNT.

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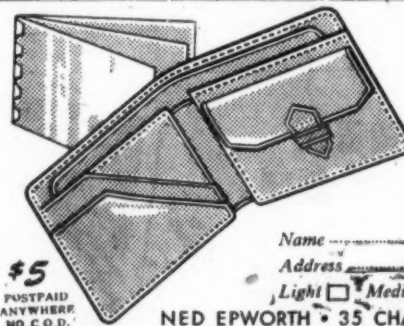
"Biggest two-man Jap party I ever ran across," commented the Texan laconically as he returned to the command post lugging a huge Jap officer saber.

Backward Stepper

WITH THE 87TH INFANTRY DIVISION, on the Western Front.—A captured Nazi top sergeant reported to the division Interrogation-of-Prisoners-of-War team of the 87th Infantry Division with an unique complaint. It seems that a knee-injury he had received 28 years ago in the last war had begun to bother him again just prior to his capture. "The trouble is," he told the officer in charge of the IPW team, "I've been doing too much marching to the rear the last few weeks."

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Last night I held a little hand,
So dainty and so sweet,
I thought my heart would surely break.
So wildly did it beat.
No other hand in all the world
Can greater solace bring
Than the pretty hand I held last night
Four aces and a king!

Lots of persons get credit for personality
when they're just proud of their teeth!

Jack and Jill fell down the hill
A stunt that's mighty risky;
If water made them act like that,
By gosh, then I'll take whiskey!

We just found out what made bees buzz.
You'd buzz too if somebody took your honey and nectar!

Hitler picked the wrong kind of world
to live in! It's too big to lick
and too small to hide in!

We understand the German undertakers
are doing a Russian business!

Many a romance is battered and bruised.
When dancing slippers meet GI shoes!

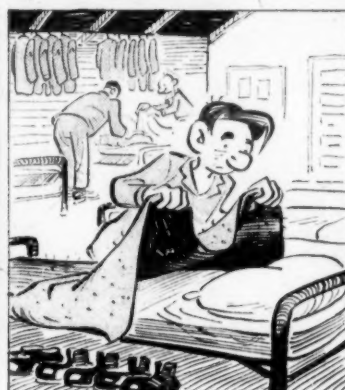
There was a young girl from Australia
Who went to a dance as a dahlia.
When the petals uncured,
It revealed to the world
That the dahlia, as a dress, was a failia!

Life has its troubles,
They never relax;
Drinks are just bubbles,
The price all tax.

Don't blame people for taking candy from a baby. Where else can they get it?

Wac Seeks Top Spot

PORT MEADE, Md. — There's nothing "small potatoes" about the aim in life of Wac Pvt. Rachel Woody Hanes, of Gooding, Ida. She wants to become the first woman President of the United States, that's all. She taught business law at the University of Idaho and recently was transferred to the Post Judge Advocate's office.



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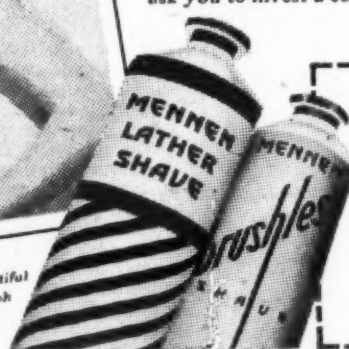
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Book Notes

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By Elisabeth Sonxnay Holding
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This Inner Sanctum mystery story deals with a current problem: The battle-fatigued fighter striving to adjust to civilian life.

Malcolm Drake, a merchant seaman, survived a disastrous voyage but is haunted by the dying looks of buddies he couldn't save. On the surface, he could find no more perfect refuge for recuperation than his brother's comfortable suburban home. Every one wants to help him, and in so doing almost destroys his slowly-returning mental balance.

Aunt Evie dies suddenly after downing an unaccustomed drink mixed by Malcolm. More strange deaths follow in all of which Malcolm is obviously implicated. Doubting his own thinking, worried about the effects of a sleep-inducing drug given him in South America, Malcolm drifts steadily to complete ruin. The timely solution of the mysteries almost miraculously frees Malcolm from his fears, restores his faith, and starts him on his to another voyage.

The development and cure of Malcolm's psychosis are so absorbing that the well-knit murder plot assumes second place in the reader's interest.

Our Sons Will Triumph

Arranged by Jack Dixon
(Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York—\$2.50)

President Roosevelt's D-Day prayer has already become a modern classic. In simplicity and sincerity, it ranks with the Gettysburg Address. Lt. Comdr. Jack Dixon, USCGR, has illustrated the prayer, phrase by phrase, with memorable photographs of our boys in action, repose and pain.

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Running Away With Nebby

By Phillis Garrard
(David McKay Co., Phila.—\$2.00)
A grand kids' story of two youngsters who saved their beloved horse from a fate worse than death (sale to a grocer) by kidnapping him, with splendid illustrations by Willy Pogany.

Radio Drama Praised

HILL FIELD, Utah.—Commendation for Ogden ATSC's radio drama, "Twenty-eight Candles for Capt. Alley," broadcast over KSL in Salt Lake City, has been commended by the War Department.

QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," Page 8)

1. The new U. S. jet combat fighter plane.
2. Only the Argentine Republic.
3. True. Iwo Jima is 750 miles from Tokyo. Bermuda is 784 miles from New York.
4. Before 1933 celebrated as a toy- and clock-making city. After 1933 the scene of the Nazi party's annual congress. The city's name was given to the Nazis' race laws.
5. "Old Ironsides," the frigate Constitution, captured the British frigate Guerriere in the first great naval battle of the war of 1812. "Old Unsinkables" are the obsolete battleships New York, Arkansas, Texas, Idaho, Nevada, Tennessee, which supported the landings of the Marines on Iwo Jima.
6. A. The general landing of the Allies in France. B. Patton's breakthrough at Avranches which started the German collapse in France. C. The beginning of the German "Bulge" operations in the Ardennes.
7. In 1918. Leon Trotsky.
8. Yes.
9. Hitler's mountain palace is the Berghof, at the edge of the town of Berchtesgaden, which is in the south of Germany, on the Austrian border near Salzburg.
10. Red roses.



"SUNNY HONEY" is Columbia Pictures' affectionate sobriquet for vivacious Leslie Brooks. She's not in the Southwest Pacific! That background is just a painted prop and that tomtom gigamagig was dug up by the pix man for a fanny repository.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

An Army raincoat which looked strange was hanging in the home closet when Pvt. Francis X. Hammerer, SCU at CAMP ROBERTS, Calif., went home on a week-end leave. "Where did this coat come from?" he threw at his wife, thinking things. "I never saw it before," she replied, "it must belong to one of the fellows who come to see my sister." Just then Hammerer remembered the coat was one he borrowed and had hung there himself the previous week-end. Naturally, apologies were in order.

A new desk came the other day to Col. Wendall B. McCoy, base CO at DREW FIELD, Fla., and the old was handed down to M/Sgt. Pete Gallagher, of Sq. A, 527th AAFBU. Now Pete, who in his chubbiness has a hard time to look dignified at any time, tries to assume the part of a man giving orders. Pete pounds his chubby fist on the desk and repeats: "This stuff has to be done and that's all there's to it."

Bored with the usual type of Army calisthenics, Pvt. Earl Matthews decided to introduce something new at GRAND ISLAND FIELD, Neb., and was found in the gym balancing a 12-foot ladder on his chin. The ladder weighs 30 pounds, and according to Matthews exerts a pressure of 60 pounds per inch on his chin. This isn't anything to him since he is quite used to balancing wheelbarrows, lawnmowers, pipes and weights that way. He toured with a circus for seven years before joining the Army. Now Matthews' buddies at the motor pool where he works are trying to interest him in balancing a jeep on his chin.

If you want a super duper love letter written, see Pfc. "Thundering" Hurd at CAMP SKOKIE VALLEY, Ill. His local friends say he should be an expert since he spends all his spare time writing that kind.

Included among the women who think friend husband is "a beautiful hunk of man," is the wife of Sgt. Jack Peterson, of SPOKANE FIELD, Wash. Boasting of his 320 pounds, the sergeant thinks he holds a standing record as the biggest first sergeant on active duty with the Army. "We aren't told how he got through the obstacle course, but his buddies note that he may be seen daily "punishing" his Chevrolet

coupe on his way from his home to the post.

The sign "Only one to a customer," wasn't very effective the other day when Lt. Leon E. Burbank, plans and training officer of the OGDEN ATS COMMAND, passed around a box of fat cigars. So he pasted on the bottom of the sign the wire he had received that morning notifying him of the arrival of an eight-pound and one ounce heir.

Sgt. James R. Miller, of Headquarters Company, FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kans., likes to swim. But he can't see at all well without his glasses. One evening he wandered off to one of the post pools, cast off his glasses and most of the rest, and stood testing the water with his toe and scratching himself luxuriously. He came back to himself when some giggles coming from somewhere behind him were punctuated by a guard's order: "Get out of here, and quick!" It was Mac night at the pool.

Talk To Workers

WASHINGTON.—Six Negro soldiers who helped turn the tide of the German counter-offensive in Belgium have returned to this country by plane to participate in a speaking program for factory workers on the urgency of speeding up the output of badly needed military supplies.

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